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MESSRS. H. F. HEISTERMAN & Co.,
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ARE INVITED FOR THE HULL AND Machinery for a **Steam Launch** 55 feet long. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of
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Tenders will be received until January 10th, 1888. jan1-2w

YEARLY GEMS.

THE YEARLY GEMS OF BRITISH COlumbia are now ready at Mrs. R. Maynard's. Ladies who have had their little one's Photographs taken at her Studio during 1887, that have not already received one of the Gems, can do so by calling at the Photographic Studio, Douglas Street. jan1-tf

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL.

A Holiday Entertainment will be held in St. John's Schoolroom, Herald Street, on Thursday evening the 5th January.
ADMISSION 25 CTS.
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Jewelry of all Kinds
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The undersigned have concluded to close out their business in Victoria at an early date and offer for sale at
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We will give you satisfaction in QUALITY and PRICE.

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FOR Young Ladies, will re-open after the Christmas vacation on THURSDAY, JAN. 19th.
MISS DUPONT,
jan5-1m Principal.

TAKE NOTICE THAT AN APPLICATION will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway Company, by extending the time for the commencement and completion of the said Railway and by increasing the amount to which the Company is authorized to issue bonds and for such other amendments as to Parliament may seem fit.
Dated this 1st day of December, 1887.
CAMERON & McPHILLIPS,
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WANTED—A delivery man for the Dominion Express Co. Apply to C. Rattray at the Office. jan5-1t

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AN ACRE OF VERY GOOD LAND, SECtion 6, Esquimalt Road, $1,000.
Candy, Cigar and Fruit Store, now doing a good business; good reason for selling.
160 Acres excellent land by Cobble Hill Station, $2,100.
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Grocery business, $1,000; Candy and Fruit, &c. $950.
On 3rd St., 6 roomed House, full sized lot, $1,450.
Property on St. Lawrence st., 3 acres, $8,350.
Property on Fort St., 8 acres, 2 story Brick House, 5 rooms, $6,350. A. TOLLER,
Notary Public, cor. Broad and Trounce Alley.
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WANTED.—A Nurse-maid; strong and active. Willing to make herself generally useful. Apply to Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Birdcage Walk, James Bay. jan3

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We will sell the Good-will, Stock-in-trade, Fittings and Fixtures of this well-known Bazaar, and are prepared to entertain offers En Bloc, Wholesale or Retail, for any line of the goods comprising the stock.

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To the Rate-payers of James Bay Ward:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for James Bay Ward, and respectfully solicit a renewal of your confidence.
FRANK S. BARNARD.
Victoria, B. C., January 3d, 1888.

GEO. BYRNES,
AUCTIONEER.
AUCTION
24th January, 11 A. M.
Estate of Jas. Bryden, Dec'd.
FARM AT NORTH SAANICH.

I have been instructed by Mr. Henry Brotham, devisee and executor of the late James Bryden, to sell by auction, on the premises, North Saanich,

The Freehold Property

of deceased, consisting of a farm at North Saanich, being Sec. 19 and 20, Range 23, containing 180 acres of land, more or less. This property is situate about one-fourth of a mile from the Saanich Wharf, and partly fenced, dwelling house and out buildings. Twenty-five acres are cleared.

Also, two Work Horses, ten Sheep, one Dump Cart, one Spring Cart, Ploughs, &c., &c.; one Two-Horse-Power Threshing Machine, Household Effects and Last Season's Crop.

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PUBLIC MEETING.

JOHN GRANT

Respectfully invites the Electors of this city to meet at the

City Hall, on Saturday, Next,
AT EIGHT, P. M.,

To talk over Municipal matters, and invites candidates for Municipal honors to be present.
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NOTICE

I will discontinue business and sell my entire stock of Goods at
AUCTION.
Due Notice of Date of Sale will be given.
All persons indebted to me will please call and pay at once.
I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to my patrons for the liberal patronage bestowed upon me.
G. BOSSI.
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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors, at the City Hall, on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1888, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Councillors.

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 P. M. of the date of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 12th day of January, 1888.

For Mayor, at the City Hall.

For Johnson Street Ward, at the City Hall.

For Yates Street Ward, at Mr. Sargison's Office, Langley Street.

For James Bay Ward, at the Hook and Ladder House.

Of which every person is required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand, at Victoria, the 3rd day of January, 1888.

W. K. BULL,
jan4td Returning Officer.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Ah Fat Will be Hanged and Lee Sam's Sentence Commuted to Imprisonment for Life—Another Grit Member of Parliament Throws Up the Sponge.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—Petitions praying for the clemency of the crown in the case of the two Chinamen convicted of murder in British Columbia have been under consideration. In the case of Ah Fat the law will be allowed to take its course. Lee Sam, it appears, assisted the officers in bringing out the facts of the murder, and his sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

John Waldie, Liberal, Halton, has confessed to bribery by his agents. His seat is vacated.

The Canadian staff left for Washington to-day.

[Mr. Waldie only defeated Mr. David Henderson, Conservative, by nine votes at the last general election. There is little doubt that the constituency will be redeemed.—ED.]

PROVINCIAL COURT.

[Before Mr. E. Johnson, S. M.]

Antonio Alonzio, a petty officer on H. M. S. Wild Swan, charged John B. Russell with pointing a gun at him and threatening to shoot, while the former was on his premises.

The complainant testified that on Sunday last he was hunting on the "Saltings," and in his endeavor to reach the Burnside road tried a few trails and found himself close to the water; turned back to a house; saw the defendant come running from the house; he said, "What the b——y h—l are you doing here?" Asked him how to get out of the grounds; he said, "I'll let you know how," and ran back and got a gun and came towards me; he said, "Come out this way, or I'll blow your brains out: made me jump the fence and lift up the dogs; had three dogs; had two dogs on my arm, and one walking ahead; told prisoner could not lift the dogs any more, and he said, "Lift the dogs or I'll blow your brains out," and he pointed the gun just behind me in full cock; as soon as he finished speaking he fired one barrel at the bitch; as soon as I went outside the gate he said don't come this way again, for if you do I'll blow your brains out; asked him which way I should go and he said take which one you like; I then went away.

To Mr. Davie—Had three dogs with me; was out hunting; one was a hunting dog, the others were training; did not see any of Russell's sheep when at the back of the house, and not before he made me jump two of the fences to get to his road; saw sheep afterwards; the dogs were not running after sheep; the dogs were not running over the pasture; Russell was about twenty yards off when he fired the shot; asked him not to shoot the dog as she belonged to Mr. Prior; he said he didn't care about that; Russell was a few feet behind me with the gun full cock; the dog was not killed; am a native of Italy brought up in Malta.

To Mr. Johnson—Am a first-class petty officer on board the Wild Swan; after shooting the dog Russell took a stick and broke it over its back.

Mr. Davie said that the probability was that the prosecutor being a foreigner, and not understanding the English language, misunderstood the words of Mr. Russell. The latter's evidence would show a very different state of affairs. The prosecutor was breaking the law in hunting on enclosed land, and was hunting on Sunday, which was also against the law.

John Basil Russell testified that he was owner of Strawberry Vale farm; all the land was enclosed and about 170 head of stock running on it; on Sunday last he heard a subdued whistle, and going to where he kept his pigs he saw prosecutor with three dogs; he told him to climb the two fences; there was a gate, but as it would take about ten minutes to unfasten and fasten it, and as he was in his Sunday clothes and out with the children, he therefore did not open it; complainant picked up two of his dogs, the other was running around; cautioned him about the dogs, and told him if he did not take care of the dog he would blow its brains out; went into the house and got a gun, which he loaded with No. 1 shot; there were many valuable stock in the twenty acre field; he again cautioned prosecutor to look out for his dogs; I then fired a shot, but not with the intention of killing the dog, and didn't; then placed my gun over my arm, not pointing the gun at him; I distinctly swear that I never pointed the gun at him nor threatened to shoot him; when I got to the gate told him to shut it, and if he ever came back again I would club him off with his three dogs; I also threw a stick at the dog, but it did not hurt him; have frequently suffered from the depredations of amateur sportsmen.

To Supt. Roycraft—Saw the dog running over rocks; did not see sheep running away; it was after getting over the fence that I got my gun; never pointed the gun at him nor threatened to blow his brains out; said if he did not keep the dog to himself I would blow its brains out; never threatened to shoot anybody only the dogs; he did not keep the dog from running over the ground after he asked him not to allow them to run; it was a double-barreled gun, both barrels were loaded; don't think complainant asked the way off the land when I first saw him; if he did, didn't understand him; it was a small dog that was running about; at the time I fired the dog was about thirty yards off my private road; can't say that complainant asked me the road to the main road.

To Mr. Johnson—He climbed over the fence with two dogs, the other could get through the fence; private road is not fenced from where ewes are running; the worst word I used was "damn."

His Honor said it was a hard matter to decide a case on evidence of the complainant and defendent; each would naturally state the best side of his story; this was a case of that sort. The three dogs were not of a size that would do much damage to sheep; however, defendant had a right to order the man off the premises; but he had no right to point the gun at the defendant; if he had done so it would subject him to a very heavy penalty; he had no doubt that the defendant had used very bad language, but taking everything into consideration, he would have to dismiss the charge.

Of Great Utility.

There is no other medicine of such general usefulness in the household as Hagyard's Yellow Oil for the cure of rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat and all internal and external pains and injuries. tu-th-sat-dw.

A DEPARTMENT in French and German has been formed in the Victoria Business College with Mr. D. L. Chalmers, B. ès L., Ph. D., as Instructor. *3t

PARIAN marble and bisque statuary, a multitude of lively subjects, just the thing for a handsome Xmas present, at J. SEHL'S. †

NANAIMO NOTES.

(Free Press.)

A daily mail between Nanaimo and East Wellington colliery was established on Monday, Jan. 2nd. Mr. W. S. Chandler, manager of the colliery, acts as postmaster. For the present the mail will leave East Wellington at 11 a. m. and Nanaimo immediately after the arrival of the southern mail.

Mr. McLeod, recently from Prince Edward Island, has been appointed teacher of the South Cedar District school, and assumed the duties yesterday.

Mr. Doll, of Saanich, has been appointed teacher of the East Wellington school and is expected to assume the duties in a few days.

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

James Livingstone, a Nova Scotian, Dies from Injuries Sustained.

A terrible boiler explosion occurred at Seattle on Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock, in the southern part of the city. A force of men were engaged in driving a line of piles south of the Oregon Improvement Co.'s mill, and were at work about 400 yards directly south of the mill, when the boiler on the driver suddenly exploded blowing the house, engine and boiler into ten thousand pieces, and covering the bay with the *debris* for a hundred yards in every direction.

Strange to tell, not one of the half-dozen or more men at work on the driver was instantly killed, though some of them were blown as far as 150 yards, falling into the water, and were rescued by boats. The noise of the explosion sounded like the discharge of cannon, and was heard all over the city.

James Livingstone was badly injured and died in the afternoon. He was a native of Nova Scotia, 28 years of age, and leaves seven brothers and sisters at the old home. He was a member of the K. of P. and I. O. O. F., and was said also to have been an Orangeman. The cause of the explosion was a weak boiler.

THE S. & O. RAILWAY.

A Delegate to be Sent to Ottawa to Attend the Next Session of Parliament—Resolutions Passed.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Lansdowne on Wednesday, Dec. 14th, to consider matters of interest in connection with the Shuswap & Okanagan railway scheme.

W. Dewdney, Esq., was voted to the chair and Mr. Monteith acted as secretary.

The chairman and Mr. M. Lumby addressed the meeting in reference to the necessity of the railway and the advantage it would be to that section of the province.

Resolutions were carried unanimously thanking Messrs. Vernon, Mara, Martin, and Lumby, and also the Victoria board of trade, for the interest taken in the S. & O. railway.

The following resolutions were then moved and seconded:

Resolved—"Whereas the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway is necessary for our development and welfare, and a charter has been obtained for the same and whereas a company has been formed with the necessary capital to construct and carry on the said railway, provided that sufficient assistance be rendered by way of subsidy from the Provincial and Dominion governments to enable them successfully to carry out their work, and whereas the Provincial government has granted a bonus of $200,000 to assist that enterprise and whereas a further bonus is necessary to be obtained from the Dominion government at the approaching session to enable the company to start work before the 2nd of June, 1888, and fill the requirements of the charter, and whereas if the whole subsidy be not obtained, the whole scheme will lapse, much to the detriment of the district and province, be it therefore resolved that in the opinion of this meeting it is necessary in the interests of the said railway to send a competent person to Ottawa, there to attend during the coming session of the House of Commons to give such assistance as may be required to our representative, and such information or evidence to the house or before committee as may be called for.

Resolved—"That this meeting is of opinion that Mr. Lumby is the most competent person to act as our delegate to Ottawa and that he be requested to take this important mission, and as it will be necessary to raise a certain sum of money to defray the expenses of such a delegate, a committee of five be appointed with power to add to their number to solicit subscriptions for that purpose."

Resolved—"That the secretary be requested to send copies of the resolutions passed at this meeting to parties respectively interested."

The following committee was chosen: Messrs. Fortune, Crozier, Lawes, Cargill and Lambley.

Mr. Lumby, in accepting the responsible position offered him, among other things, said: The district had taken a step in the right direction by importing $25,000 worth of new farming machinery this year, a record, he ventured to say, that could not be shown by any other district, of equal size, in British Columbia. The threshing from one steam thresher, Messrs. O'Shea & Williams', amounted to close upon 2,000 tons. The Indians alone produced more grain than had been given by some gentlemen as the actual production of the whole district.

The meeting, which was enthusiastic throughout, closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary, for their services, and a similar vote to Messrs. Pringle & Hamill for the use of their premises.

SPECIAL lines of Library and Table Lamps, Electro-plated Goods, etc., at Geo. Powell & Co., Cheapside. *

IF YOU don't know what you want to buy for Christmas, come up to John Weiler's Fort street. †

MANY of the best families in the Province have purchased Scholarships in the *Victoria Business College*. *3t

THE New Year's dance on Tuesday evening January 3rd, of the "Victoria Bachelors" will be held in the Philharmonic Hall instead of Harmony Hall. *2t

Have You Noticed It?

The weary, "all gone" feeling, with gnawing at the pit of the stomach, or a choking from undigested food so common to the weak dyspeptic. This trouble is soon remedied by Burdock Blood Bitters, which is a positive cure for the worst form of Dyspepsia. tu-th-sat-dw.

New Black Costume Materials.

Ladies who wear black from choice will always find the best variety at the City House. *

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The old or the young may at all times and all seasons of the year take Burdock Blood Bitters with benefit when requiring a blood purifying tonic, or a regulator of the stomach, bowels, liver or kidneys. tu-th-sat-dw.

CABLE NEWS.

The Report of the Suppression of the Irish National League Denied by Balfour.

Edward Harrington, M.P., Released From Prison To-day---Conference of Musical Professors.

Mr. Sexton's Condition Critical---An American Bark Wrecked---War-like Preparations.

Promotion Probable.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—It is stated that in recognition of his services to the Government in Ireland Mr. Balfour will shortly be promoted to a higher position in the ministry than that of chief secretary for Ireland.

The National League.

The rumor that the executive branch of the Irish National League in Dublin is to be suppressed is ascertained to be wholly groundless. Mr. Balfour personally denies the report, and supplements the denial with the statement that the Government has at no time considered such action necessary, particularly in view of the fact that the evidences of weakening and ultimate disintegration of the league are accumulating daily. There are other persons who are quite as well informed of the strength and activity of the league and the determination of its leaders, who do not agree with Mr. Balfour in this assertion, but the expression of the chief secretary is of value, as showing the confidence of the government in its Irish policy and the absence of intention on the part of the executive authorities to extend its repressive measures at present.

Conservative Success Assured.

The present indications are that Mr. Moss, Conservative candidate for Winchester, will be elected to-morrow, though even the Tories admit that the majority will fall far below that obtained by the ministerial candidate at the last election. The nomination of Mr. Vander by the Liberals was in all respects unfortunate, as his reputation is not what should commend him to honest voters, and the worst of it is he cannot controvert the charges against him. He was the parliamentary candidate on a former occasion and apparently elected, but an investigation showed that he had obtained a majority by fraud, and was unseated on the sustained charges of bribery. What motive could have induced the Liberal managers to again nominate him, and especially in a district overwhelmingly committed to Toryism, is beyond conjecture.

Harrington, M. P., Released.

Edward Harrington, M. P., and editor of the Tralee *Sentinel*, was released from prison to-day, having completed a term of one month's incarceration for publishing reports of meetings of the suppressed league branches. His release was made the occasion of a grand demonstration by the residents of Tralee and Harrington was treated to an ovation surpassing in enthusiasm anything in his experience. Mr. Harrington, in reply to numerous complimentary speeches, addressed his townsmen in a strain similar to that in which he declared to the court on the occasion of his conviction, that he would make no promises to refrain from repeating his offence, but would ever do what seemed to him best for the cause of free speech, free press, and free men.

The Musical Profession.

The annual conference of professional musicians was held in this city to-day. The Lord Mayor of London presided. Prof. Calipa Lavilla, of Boston, read a paper on "The advance of music in America." The American Music Teachers' Association, he said, was gradually spreading and now had a firm hold in every state and in Canada. The conference tendered Prof. Lavilla a cordial vote of thanks.

Officially Denied.

The Prince of Wales has instructed his private secretary to deny the report that he is a member of the committee arranging a banquet to be given to Smith and Kilrain.

Mr. Sexton Very Low.

The condition of Mr. Sexton, M. P., has taken a change for the worse, and it is now feared he cannot recover. His physicians are resorting to every method of treatment calculated to save the life of their patient, but do not appear to be hopeful.

A Reception in Preparation.

John Morley is at Torquay, and elaborate preparations are being made for his reception in Dublin, and $2,000 have already been subscribed toward the expenses of his entertainment at the Irish capital.

An Operator Arrested.

M. Victor Mimault, a telegraph operator, fired six shots from a revolver at M. Rignault, director of the school of telegraphy, in Paris to-day, two of which took effect and inflicted severe wounds. He was actuated by a desire to redress personal wrongs. Mimault was arrested and will be prosecuted.

Wolseley Unable to Go.

Lord Wolesley being unable to go to Australia to inspect the forces, General Sir E. Wood has been appointed in his place.

Recognition of Services.

In consideration of the great services rendered to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in respect to both colonial and foreign relations, she has conferred the Knight Commandership of St. Michael and St. George upon John Pender, President of the Direct United States Cable Company.

An American Bark Wrecked.

An 1,800 ton bark and believed to be from America, was wrecked to-day at the entrance of the Waterford harbor. The crew, numbering twenty-five, were drowned.

Americans Monopolizing the Profession.

The wife of James Stewart, champion pugilist of Scotland, brought suit against her husband a few days ago to obtain alimony, alleging that his average earnings were $100 a week, none of which was applied to her support. The case was tried to-day, when Stewart put in a general denial as to the earnings. He declared that Americans had monopolized the profession of pugilism to such an extent which left it impossible for home talent to make an honest living. The magistrate took the same gloomy view of the present and future prospects of the manly art, but thought there still was sufficient activity in Scotch pugilism to justify Stewart in paying his wife nine shillings a week, and so ordered.

Warlike Preparations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—Finnish diet, which will meet to-morrow, will vote for supplies for the re-enforcing of the troops and the building of forts on the coast.

PERSONAL.

Robt. Irving, for many years the popular representative of the O. R. & N. Co., having accepted the agency for the Canadian Pacific in this city, his late company have installed E. D. How, an old and valued employee of that company in the Victoria agency. Mr. Howe for some time past has been agent at Tacoma, and his business ability and personal worth will no doubt soon win for him a high place in the estimation of Victoria business men. E. Kamera, auditor of the O. R. & N. Co., is in the city at the present time araanging the transfer.

THAT "PUBLIC MEETING."

TO THE EDITOR:—I should like to ask Coun. Grant, who has called a meeting for Saturday night to discuss municipal matters, what he means by the "electors" of Victoria, and whether the meeting will be confined to rate-payers; or, if it is intended to allow others than rate-payers—that is, contributors to the municipal revenue—to speak thereat? If a rate-payers' gathering is intended he ought to say so, otherwise the speeches of non-rate-payers will be in order. MUNICIPAL.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

President Cleveland presented his jubilee gift to the Pope through Cardinal Gibbons.

Services in honor of the Pope's jubilee were celebrated with unusual solemnity in the Catholic churches throughout the United States.

Two local sports, named Gorger and Johnson have completed arrangements for a fight to a finish. Both men being one-armed, considerable interest is attached to the match.

A dynamite cartridge exploded on the street in New York, the other day, and shattered the glass in the Oddfellows' hall and killing one of the inmates in the dime museum.

Several buildings in the business part of Vernon, Ill., were destroyed by fire. J. A. White, owner of one of the buildings was burned to death, while his only daughter was rescued with difficulty.

A young man in New York, named Conroy, struck his companion a terrific blow in the head with an axe. His mother upbraided him for his murderous assault, when he turned on her and struck her several blows with the axe, laying bare her brains. She died instantly. Conroy was arrested and lodged in jail.

The following was received from London by Dr. McGlynn, recently, while addressing an anti-poverty society in New York, which he read to the audience:—"Cardinal Manning in his speech to-day said: 'Every man has a right to live and to procure food necessary to sustain life. So strict is this right that it prevails over all the rights of property. Necessity knows no law. A starving man may steal his neighbors bread.'"

A bloody riot occurred last night near the Jefferson barracks, in St. Louis, in which three white soldiers were injured. A large party of negroes had left the barracks for a saloon one mile away. On the road they met a young white woman, whom they brutally assaulted. News was sent to the barracks and about fifty unarmed white soldiers started on the double quick for the scene, and a large party of negroes then armed themselves to go to the assistance of their black comrades. They were quickly disarmed and then they hurried off empty handed. The white soldiers and the outragers met on the highway. The latter resisted arrest and a pitched battle with knives and stones followed. Three soldiers were seriously injured. Private Liningford was badly stabbed; Private Peterson had his skull fractured, and Private Krummen was knocked about and hurt internally. The negroes were finally overpowered and fifty-three of them were arrested, of whom forty-six were afterwards released. Seven are held for outrage. They are all privates in Companies "C" and "B."

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

ONTARIO.

Gobeil, secretary of the Public Works department, is ill with fever.

The paper pail factory started by Eddy, at Hull, has commenced work.

The Conservatives of Kingston will banquet Sir John early in January.

Mrs. Daw, cook at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, died suddenly of heart disease.

Eli James, aged 22, of London, was killed in Michigan woods by a falling tree.

Warden Dawsen is favored by Sir John as the Conservative candidate in Carleton.

The Ontario government is conducting an investigation into the fever epidemic in Ottawa.

Edward McGowan, of Ernestown, was accidentally killed while hauling a heavy stick of timber.

Fire destroyed Hoover's flour mills, Pickering, and several other buildings. Loss about $10,000.

More than six hundred children are unable to enter the Hamilton public schools for want of accomodation.

George Mann & Co., (Liquor Tea Co.) Toronto, have assigned with liabilities of $60,000 and assets of $40,000

George Rankin, employed in Taylor's safe works, Toronto, fell down the hoist and is thought to be fatally injured.

The *cure* of Newburg has distributed $2,000 among the sufferers by the late fire. This was the amount subscribed by outsiders and constituting the benefit fund.

It is stated on the best authority that Mackintosh will be again the Conservative candidate in Russell, and W. C. Edwards, just unseated, will be the Liberal candidate.

Harry Gibson, G. T. R. brakeman, was taking in the bell rope on the train when entering Brockville yard, when he slipped and fell between the cars, and was dragged a considerable distance. He was dead when found.

Esmond and O'Connor, Irish members of parliament, addressed a large meeting at Toronto presided over by Hon. A. S. Hardy. Resolutions approving home rule were carried, and $600 collected for the benefit of the cause.

McFarland's billiard room, Sutherland's confectionery store, Payson's boot and shoe store, Mall's barber shop, Dr. Clement's drug store, Wilson's grocery and McFarland's rooms, in Bradford, were completely destroyed by fire.

In a petty quarrel between two of the female inmates of the insane asylum, Orillia, one struck the other on the head with an earthenware mug. The injured girl, who was in a very low state of health, died within an hour and a half.

The *Globe* advocated a cordial reception for Chamberlain at the banquet, and quoted in connection the resolution passed some time ago by the board of trade. The *Mail* twits the *Globe* on having abandoned commercial union because Chamberlain has spoken against it.

Rev. Mr. Bates, Methodist, of Adolphustown, was shot in the arm while mink hunting in a boat. The mink had been hit but not wounded, and suddenly changing his position Mr. Barnhart caused his Winchester repeating rifle to go off suddenly, the ball hitting Mr. Bates in the arm and travelling down from the elbow to the thumb.

John Flanigan, employed in rock cutting in the waterworks main, Brockville, attempted to thaw out five pounds of dynamite over a forge in a shanty beside the cut. The shanty was demolished, fences in the vicinity destroyed, and windows broken for a considerable distance about. Strange to say the foolhardy operator, although hurled a considerable distance, was not killed. His nose was almost obliterated and his back ripped open, but he will likely recover.

Quite a sensation has been caused in Hamilton by the announcement that Henry Carscallen, a prominent barrister, whose wife died about a year ago, was clandestinely married last August to Agnes Rogers, a young girl who, until a short time ago, presided over the tape department in a King street dry goods establishment. The marriage, which took place in Cleveland, Ohio, on August the 1st, was kept a profound secret, and the bride continued in her situation until a short time ago. The first intimation that any of the friends of either party received of the marriage was the appearance of the usual notice in the evening papers a few days ago.

Sloane, an oil expert of Pennsylvania, is at present prospecting in parts of Clarendon and Bristol townships, county of Pontiac, and has come to the conclusion that a vast reservoir of gas underlies a portion of the Ottawa valley. Several springs of water in that locality are largely impregnated with gas, so much so that an unpalatable odor from the gas, which boils up through them, prevents the use of the water for drinking purposes. One of the richest veins of iron ore in Canada is now being developed in Bristol. Three hundred men are at present employed at the mines, and if the gas be discovered in sufficient quantity to be used for smelting purposes, it will prove a bonanza to that part of the country.

QUEBEC.

Victoria hall, Quebec, was completely destroyed by fire. The loss is $6,000.

A Protestant insane asylum will be established by the Quebec government at Alymer.

Mr. Martin is to take the contested case against Sir A. P. Caron to the supreme court.

Schlessinger, who defaulted from Moss & Co., New York, with $30,000, has turned up in Montreal.

A butcher shop and four houses at Cote St. Louis were destroyed by fire on Monday night. Loss $6,000.

The residence of Touissaint Parent of St. Emelie de Lenergie, was destroyed by fire and a three-year-old child perished in the flames.

No opposition to Chouinard, the Nationalist candidate in Dorchester, has yet appeared, and he will likely be elected by acclamation.

A passenger car on the Quebec Central was derailed and overturned, killing instantly a passenger named G. N. Forteux, of St. George, Beauce.

Hon. Jas. McShane was presented at Quebec with a valuable gold-headed walking cane by Mr. Dechene, M. P. P., on behalf of the Young Liberals of Quebec.

H. J. D. Miner, proprietor of the Miner Bank, Dunkirk, N. Y., which failed two years ago with such disastrous consequences, is now a resident of Quebec.

The Roman Catholic clergy of Montreal presented Archbishop Fabre, as a New Year's gift, with a magnificient arm chair of the finest rosewood, surmounted with ivory, costing $500.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Presbytery of Halifax has nominated Principal Grant moderator of the general assembly.

Contractor Sims, of the Cape Breton Railway, has entered an action for $30,000 against Chief Sherwood, of the Dominion police.

The Allan Line has removed its checkers from Portland to Halifax, and all vessels of the Allan and Dominion lines are landing all Canadian freight there. The Intercolonial will have all it can do to carry through freight this winter.

The worst storm of the season raged on Wednesday night at Halifax and the next morning the wind was blowing forty-five miles an hour. Many disasters to shipping are reported all along the coast, but in all cases the crews were luckily saved. The loss of merchandise is something immense.

MANITOBA.

A bill is to be introduced at the next session of the legislature to make Norquay a lawyer.

Duncan Macarthur, provincial rights, and Ness, ministerial, are contesting Assiniboia.

The Saskatchewan hotel at Minnedosa and several adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire.

Mr. Ross will retire from the field in St. Francois Xavier, leaving Francis the only opposition candidate, and opposing Burke.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

A section man named Nelson was stabbed in three places, at Cassils, by a Hungarian. Although dangerously wounded he will recover. An arrest has been made.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The death of George Wright, Esq., of Norwood, Charlottetown Royalty, is announced.

While writing a charitable bequest for a poor woman, Owen Connelly, 60 years of age, the wealthiest man and largest pork packer on the island, dropped dead.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

John A. Lynch, a Fredericton fish dealer, was drowned while driving across the river. Alonzo Smiler, his companion, was rescued in an exhausted condition. Lynch's body and the remains of the horse and sleigh were recovered some hours afterwards.

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THE GRITS DECIDE.

The Opposition organ announces that the Liberal-Conservative standard-bearer for the Commons vacancy will have no opponent, at least that no Grit can be induced to tackle him. This is well, that is for the Grits. It is well known, however, that every effort was quietly made to bring on a contest, however hopeless, the "independent" dodge being again worked to let the Liberlas down easily on the night of election day. The only reason why Mr. Prior is not opposed is because it was impossible to persuade anyone to enter the lists against him. The fear of losing the $200 deposit evidently prevailed. It is very amusing, however, to find our contemporary patronizing Mr. Prior, who, if it had its way, would never grace a seat in Parliament.

ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE.

In twisting the remarks of the late M. P. for this district, Mr. N. Shakespeare, into a condemnation of the Provincial Government, the *Times* is only making use of its usual disgraceful tactics. Mr. Shakespeare has now gone into privacy and his connection with active political life ceases. It would have been only graceful on the part of our contemporary, which has hounded him on every possible occasion, to have "called off its dogs" when that gentleman assumed the position of Postmaster. We have Mr. Shakespeare's authority for stating that the *Times'* references to him are *absolutely untrue*, that the tenor of his remarks were *directly the opposite* of those attributed to him by the Opposition organ and that his speech was very justly in praise of the present local government—the party of true progress and reform. The public will have little difficulty in judging between one of our most honorable citizens and the mendacious Yates street sheet.

DILKE'S CRITICISM.

In the *Fortnightly Review* for January Sir Charles Dilke continues his criticism of the British army. He examines the Canadian militia severely and condemns the false economy which he holds is practiced in this country. He admits that in the Riel revolt the troops satisfied one of the severest tests. The system, he says, is infinitely better in point of organization than that of the Mother Country, but the English vice of cutting down necessaries to please false economists is visible here, as at home. He says that, as in Great Britain, we pay for what is not efficient for war purposes, and then hope there will be no war. He is very doubtful whether any considerable proportion of the militia could be mobilized to resist an American attack. He is quite certain no use could be made of them in general service, principally because there are not arms enough. England in a serious war would want more than she has at home.

IMPROVING THE INTERCOLONIAL.

In a few days passenger trains equipped with the electric light, electric signals and steam heaters will be running over the Intercolonial railway. Two systems of heating are to be tested: the Martin and the Sewell. Nearly all of the sixteen passenger coaches that are to be equipped with the new appliances are ready, and as the locomotives are fitted with them, the trains will be run over the road and tested. The trains will be run between Quebec and Moncton until the department is assured of the efficiency and utility of the inventions, which, if satisfactory, will lead to a general application of the appliances on all the passenger trains on the road. The electric signals are attached to the trains running between St. John and Halifax. There are to be sixteen cars lighted by electricity, the Julian system of storage or accumulators being used. The batteries and the necessary plant are to be attached to the cars, under the floors. The appliances will weigh somewhere in the vicinity of from ten to fifteen hundred pounds. But perhaps the most important step taken by the department, in the way of improvements in their rolling stock, is the application of air brakes on freight cars. The main object of this change is to lessen the number of accidents with which brakemen frequently meet while handling the brakes. As in the other cases, the department will adopt the system generally if the experiments prove satisfactory. The cost will not be great owing to the fact that all the freight engines on the road have been equipped with the Westinghouse air brakes.

POOR AT "FIGGERS."

Our esteemed evening contemporary has taken some three or four days in which to elaborate a reply to an article of Sunday last on the financial position of the province. And what a reply! It does not attempt to deny any of our statements which "he who runs may read." It makes no defence of its assertion that fully $100,000 were "hypothecated" towards the maintenance of the mounted police in Kootenay. It has probably learned its error in confounding Dominion with Provincial expenditures, but in justice to itself ought to acknowledge its ignorance. It is wonderful what a knowledge our contemporary has of "correspondence" going on between the two governments, greater indeed than that of the Executive. The *Times* cannot crawl out of the ridiculous position in which it placed itself by any such subterfuge. Having completely shown the sound position of the province financially by refuting every one of our contemporary's assertions, the latter endeavors to conceal its retreat behind a mass of words which, sifted down, do not contain a shred of argument. If our contemporary wishes to make an impression upon the electorate in view of the coming contest, it will be obliged to pursue a different line of policy. If it continues to grapple with a subject of which it exposes its utter lack of knowledge at every step, that "soul of honor," whom it intends some time trotting out, will unquestionably be elected—to-stay at home.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Out of 7,188 names on the lists, Ottawa has 880 lady voters this year.

The thesis of Dr. Brodeur, of Montreal, on "The intervention of surgery in the treatment of diseases of the kidney," has been crowned by the Institut de France.

Montreal will shortly gain possession of Logan's farm from the Dominion government and convert it into a splendid park, expending nearly $100,000 on its embellishment.

Cardinal Taschereau and the prelates of Quebec province and Ottawa having sent an address congratulating the Pope on his jubilee, His Holiness replied granting the apostolic benediction and complimenting them on the work of the church in Canada.

Mr. Charles E. Knapp, of Dorchester, N. B., a barrister of thirty years' standing and registrar of probates for the county of Westmoreland, has written a letter to the St. John *Globe* in advocacy of the annexation of Canada to the United States. Mr. Knapp has always been an annexationist and a Grit and his voluminous writings on his pet themes were long the dread of Maritime province newspaper men.

Rev. Lyman Abbott has been selected as pastor of Plymouth church at the same salary as was paid Mr. Beecher. No definite term of service has been fixed, and it is probable that Mr. Abbott will remain permanently as Mr. Beecher's successor. He has filled the pulpit most of the time since Mr. Beecher's death, and the church has shown unexpected strength under his administration. He will also retain his editorial connection with the *Christian Union*.

Everybody is talking about the brilliant star visible in the East, popularly called the "Star of Bethlehem," which some people believe appears once in three hundred years. Sir Robert Ball, Astronomer Royal of Ireland, says he has been deluged with correspondence on the subject. The Star of Bethlehem is nothing but our friend Venus, which appears as a morning or evening star once in a year and seven months. It follows, therefore, that this star must sometimes be seen in that capacity at Christmas.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's earnings and expenses for November, 1887, were: Gross earnings, $1,280,236; working expenses, $775,138; net profits, $511,098. In November, 1886, there was a net profit of $448,236, and for the eleven months ending November 30th, 1887, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, $10,454,671; working expenses, $7,314,261; net profits, $3,140,410. For the eleven months ending November 30th, 1886, there was a net profit of $3,423,241. The above does not include earnings or expenses on the Southeastern Railway.

Sir Bryan Robinson, who died at Ealing recently, was forty years ago a well-known figure in the public life of Newfoundland, and practised for many years in the latter country. Eleven years afterwards he was created a Queen's Counsel, and sat in the Newfoundland Parliament for several years, being twice sent as a delegate to England on important colonial affairs. From 1850 to 1877 he held a judgeship in the supreme court of Newfoundland, and on his retirement in the latter year received the honor of knighthood at the hands of Her Majesty as a recognition of his long and faithful judicial service.

It is understood on good authority that the Nova Scotia Sugar Refining company realized a profit of between $300,000 and $400,000 in the past year's operations. Sales were in the vicinity of $2,000,000 and early and judicious purchases of the raw article, all of which were bought before the heavy advance, together with the rise in the price of refined sugar which reaped the full benefit, enable them to close the year with a magnificent result. A half-yearly dividend of 10 per cent. on the capital stock of $150,000 is about to be declared. The year 1887 has been one of the most prosperous in Nova Scotia in 15 years. There has been progress and prosperity in every branch of business and line of industry. There were only 121 failures, with $700,000 liabilities in the whole province. Banks made money. Fishermen got high prices for fish. The output of coal has been the largest in its history. There has been improvement in lumber and shipping, and farmers have gathered an abundant harvest.

The news comes that Maxwell, the the condemned murderer, has turned his thoughts towards the next world, and is now preparing a full confession of his crime and the extraordinary circumstances of his apprehension and trial. He has made his first Communion and become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The man killed his friend and fled across the great South Seas, thinking that because both murderer and victim were strangers in America he could easily escape. The Supreme Court of the United States, after its recent decisions, cannot be expected to interpose, and Maxwell must hang. It is well, after a man has exhausted all his possibilities of villainy, after there remains for him on earth only the recrimination of all his fellows, that he should still be able to turn towards an indulgent and ever merciful Creator. To the laugh of the cynic and the dictum of the materialist there may always be opposed the testimony of the hangman, that after men have forfeited the pity of humanity they turn nearly always to God.

Prof. Ed. S. Joynes, of South Carolina college, Columbia, S. C., was chosen to preside at the session of the Modern Language association recently held in Philadelphia. The proceedings began with an address by Dr. Swift, of the University of Pennsylvania, in which he made some interesting remarks on the necessity of men of finished education being also men of the world. Worldly knowledge and tact were essentials of success in every path of human endeavor. Prof. Charles F. Kroch, of Hoboken, N. J., read the first paper of the meeting on "The methods of teaching modern languages." Prof. Kroch's subject was very interesting. Prof. E. S. Sheldon, of Harvard, one of the most fluent and accomplished linguists of the country and also quite an accomplished athlete, read an interesting paper on "Some specimens of a Canadian-French dialect spoken in Maine." Prof. Sheldon's paper concluded the morning session, and was entertaining to those who have made researches among varieties of Gallican speech. The convention held its final session in the afternoon, when the following papers were read: "A study of Lord Macaulay's English," by President Henry E. Shepherd, College of Charleston; "American literature in the class room," by Prof. Albert H. Smyth, of Philadelphia; "The English curriculum in the university," by Dr. James W. Bright, of John Hopkins' university, Maryland; "The earliest works on Italian works and lexicography, published in England," by Prof. Marshall Elliott, of John Hopkins' university.

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We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours very Sincerely.

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To Hon. J. S. Helmcken and others:

Gentlemen,—I thank you most sincerely for the confidence you have expressed in me as shown by the splendid requisition you have presented to me, embracing, as it does, the names of many of the most prominent men in every profession, trade and calling in this district.

Having once entered political life I freely place my services at the disposal of my fellow citizens in the constituency where all my interests are centered, and as you deem me fitted to serve you in a wider field than that I now occupy, I accept the increased responsibility which the promotion will entail, and shall, in compliance with your request, become a candidate for the lately vacated seat in the House of Commons of Canada, and, if elected, shall endeavor to serve you to the utmost of my ability.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
EDWARD GAWLER PRIOR

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FOR MAYOR.

To the Ratepayers of Victoria City:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for the position of Mayor. Having served two terms as Councillor of James Bay Ward and having made municipal institutions a careful study for several years, I feel confident that, if elected, I shall be able to discharge the duties of the position in a constitutional and acceptable manner.

Yours truly,
dec20-td D. W. HIGGINS.

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IS A

CANDIDATE

—FOR—

Councillor for Johnson St. Ward.

AND SOLICITS A VOTE. dec30 2w

For the Mayoralty.

TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA:

Ladies and Gentlemen—

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Mayor at the coming election, and will take an early opportunity to make my views known. In the meantime I respectfully solicit your vote.

dec16td JOHN GRANT.

To the Electors of Yates Street Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for re-election as a Councillor for Yates Street Ward. Trusting that my actions during the past years have met with the approval of the electors I respectfully solicit a continuance of their confidence.

dec31-td LOUIS VIGELIUS.

To the Ratepayers of James Bay Ward.

Gentlemen:

Having been requested by a large number of Ratepayers, I hereby announce myself a Candidate for Councillor for James Bay Ward.

dec21td GEO. POWELL.

JOHN ROBERTSON

—IS A—

CANDIDATE

—FOR—

Councillor for Johnson St. Ward,

And respectfully solicits votes.

dec31-td

To the Ratepayers of Johnson Street Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit a renewal of your confidence as Councillor for your Ward.

jan1 JOHN COUGHLAN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF YATES STREET WARD.

I beg to announce myself as a Candidate for Councillor for Yates Street Ward, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

J. R. ANDERSON.
Victoria, Dec. 31, 1888. jan1

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

BOSSI & GIESSELMAN, PLAINTIFFS,
MARKS, RUTLEDGE & CO, DEFENDANTS:

UNDER and by virtue of an Order made this day by Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, C. J., I have been appointed Receiver of the Estate of Marks, Rutledge & Co., of Nicola B. C.

The order can be seen at my office, James Bay, and also at the office of Mr. S. Perry Mills, Langley Street, Plaintiffs' Solicitor.

Dated 3rd December, 1887.
JAMES C. PREVOST,
de4-1m Registrar Sup. Ct., B. C.

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE AND Effects of William Bachelor, commonly known as Frederick Reynolds, deceased.

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Messrs. John D. Bryant & Wm. McKeon,
Executors.

Dated at Victoria,
30th November, 1887. de1

NOTICE

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT I INTEND to make application to the Chief Commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land situated on the north bank of Skeena River at a stake adjoining the Inverness fishing camp, thence running north forty chains, thence west forty chains, thence south forty chains, thence forty chains to point of commencement. No minerals are known to exist on this land.

B. STAPLEDON.
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 7, 1887.
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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the next sitting of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company will apply for leave to introduce and pass a bill enabling them to construct a branch line from a point on their railway between Esquimalt and Goldstream, to a point on the north shore of the Straits of Fuca, between Pedder Bay and Otter Point.

Dated at Victoria, the 29th day of November, A.D., 1887.
CHARLES WILSON,
no30-td Solicitor for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

Re. Dominion Saw Mill Company, In Liquidation.

No one having attended at the previous enquiry ordered before the Registrar, the time for proving claims has been enlarged by the Hon. Mr. Justice Crease, to the 18th of December, 1887.

JAMES C. PREVOST,
dec6 Receiver.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE BILLS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the construct on and operation of a line of railway commencing at a point at or near Michel Creek, Crow's Nest Pass, Kootenay District, thence by Elk River to the Kootenay River, thence by way of Cranbrook and the Mooyie Pass and Goat River to the lower Kootenay River, in the Province of British Columbia.

EBERTS & TAYLOR,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Dated, 6th Dec., 1887,
Victoria, B.C. dec7

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 640 acres of land in Osoyoos Division of Yale District: Commencing at a post on the right bank of the Kettle River; thence north 160 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 160 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement.

(Signed) BARRINGTON PRICE.
Osoyoos, B. C., Dec. 11th, 1887. dec16 2m

Estate of James Bryden, Deceased.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS CLAIMING DEBTS OR liabilities affecting the estate of James Bryden, late of North Saanich, deceased, who died on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1887, are required, on or before the 5th day of March, 1888, to send in their claims to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to pay their debts without delay. After the last mentioned date the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets pursuant to the will, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.

Dated, the 2nd day of December, 1887.
CHARLES WILSON,
Solicitor for Henry Bretlhoud, the Executor.
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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
DECEMBER 20TH, 1887.

SATURDAY the 24th, Monday the 26th, Tuesday the 27th, instant, and Monday the 2nd, and Tuesday the 3rd proximo, will be observed as Holidays at the Public Offices, which will be closed on those days.

JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

HIS HONOR THE Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following Rule of Court:

1. There shall be a vacation of the Supreme Court from Friday the 23rd instant, until Saturday the 7th day of January, 1888, both dates inclusive.

During such period no pleadings shall be delivered or actions tried.

By Command.
JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

Provin ial Secretary's Office,
20th December, 1887. dec23-td

To the Ratepayers of Johnson Street Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having decided to stand for re-election to the Council I respectfully solicit your suffrages.

jan1 THOS. S. STYLES.

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NO. 152.

A BY-LAW

To Regulate the Election of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Victoria for the year 1888.

[Passed 28th December, 1887.]

WHEREAS, it is provided by law that the nomination for Mayor and Councillors shall be held on the second Monday in January in each year, from 12 m. to 2 p. m., and the polling, if any, on the Thursday following from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.; and it is further provided that the Council shall, in the month of December in each year, appoint a Returning Officer, and shall also name the polling places and otherwise arrange for the holding of the coming election; and it is further provided that the polling, if any, at such election shall be had and taken at such place or places as the Council shall by By-Law appoint; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria as follows;

1. The nomination of Candidates for the respective offices of Mayor and Councillors of the City of Victoria, shall take place at the City Hall in the said City, on Monday, the Ninth day of January, 1888.

2. In case a poll shall be demanded at the election of Mayor, the vote of the electors thereon shall be taken by ballot at the City Hall aforesaid, on Thursday, the Twelfth day of January, aforesaid.

3. In case a poll shall be demanded at the election of Councillors for any ward the vote of the electors thereon shall be taken by ballot on the day aforesaid at the respective places following, that is to say, in Johnson Street Ward at the City Hall aforesaid; in Yates Street Ward at Mr. Sargison's office Langley Street and in James Bay Ward at the Hook and Ladder House.

4. Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the By-Law cited as the Municipal Elections Regulation and Ballot Act, 1885, and so much of the schedules thereto as are applicable shall be read with and form part of this By-Law.

5. William K. Bull is hereby appointed the Returning Officer at the said Election.

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VICTORIA BUSINESS COLLEGE

AND

NIGHT SCHOOL.

THE GRAND OPENING of this College will take place on Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd, 1888, in the rooms formerly occupied by the Y. M. C. A., corner Bastion and Government Streets.

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D. L. Chalmers, B. es L., Ph. D., Principal of the French and German Department.

N. P. Stranberg, C. E., Graduate of Eaton and Freeze Business College, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Asst. Prin. and Teacher of Book-keeping and Mathematics.

D. T. Ballantyne, Graduate of Belleville Business College, Ont., *Teacher of Book-keeping.*

Chas. A. Wilhelm, Graduate of Heald's Business College, San Francisco, Teacher of *Shorthand and Type Writing.*

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A large number of this class have already joined the school and are receiving special attention.

The Principal is gratified with the liberal patronage given to the Victoria Business College, and would suggest that all new pupils begin with the grand opening on the evening of Jan. 3, 1888, when the Business Course will properly commence,

References—S. D. Pope, Supt. of Education; A. C. Flummerfelt, Pres. Y. M. C. A.; Noah Shakespeare, M. P.; J. B. Ferguson, Jno. Jessop, D. Spencer, Jas. Hutcheson, W. Walker and Kossuth Co. Bank, Algoma, Iowa; and First National Bank, Algoma, Iowa.

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Circulars containing full particulars can be obtained at the bookstore of J. B. Ferguson & Co., or by addressing, H. J. Van Auken, Principal, P.O. Box 35, Victoria, B.C. dec21

CARD OF THANKS.

THE SISTERS OF ST. ANN tender their sincere thanks to all those who patronized the Bazaar lately held in aid of their institution.

They are particularly grateful to the ladies who had the management of this charitable work, and who labored so indefatigably to make it successful.

Victoria, December 20th, 1887. dec24

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CIGARETTE GIRLS.

Very Little Romance and Much Work the Rule Among Them.

How the Tobacco Is Treated In Its Progress from the Plantation to the Cigarette—Watching the Young Women to Keep Them Good.

The tobacco of which the cigarette is after many days to be made comes to us almost exclusively from North Carolina and Virginia. It is in itself a mild tobacco, and to make it a milder yet only the four or five lower leaves are chosen, the strength of the plant, like that of celery, for instance, deserting the lower leaves and concentrating above. These leaves come up from the south packed like solid logs into immense hogsheads, but as soon as the "hands" into which they are tied are untwisted, they are put into a steam bath and softened and cleaned. The steam rushes through them, big brawny armed black men turn them and toss them and then lay them in layers on the floor. As each tankful is laid down, one of the men takes a pail full of rum, glucose and some few other improving liquids necessary to give the right flavoring, and with a whisk broom sprinkles them thoroughly.

From this improving treatment the leaves go into the trough of the cutting machine. They go in loosely enough, but when they are dragging by a brass plate chain through the smallest possible aperture to meet the revolving knives the soft leaves are pressed into a block like wood. Standing in front of the knives and watching the mist, which is all that one can see in their 200 revolutions in a minute, the ever changing surface of this shaven block of leaves is a thing of marvelous beauty. The four flanged knives cut off innumerable fine shavings in a minute, and the result is a surface that looks alive. The yellow stems and veins change their relative positions on the brown leaves with every cut, and the result is a winking, blinking mass that completely fascinates the beholder. The knives are stopped, and in the box below is the shredded tobacco, exactly as we see it in the finished cigarette, damp, it is true, but that is necessary in the making, and the over supply is kept covered by wet blankets until carried to the makers.

Then comes the making. You go into a large, low, light room, down which go long benches which are partitioned off in three foot compartments. On each side, each at a place of her own, sit the girls. Before them are a stout bit of paper fastened by the back edge of the table, two pounds of tobacco and some packs of rice paper. A marble slab is at the right hand and on it some lumps of wet starch and a long pointed stick. With her left hand the girl picks up a paper, lays it on the roller with the front edge slightly projecting. With her right hand she picks up the tobacco, not too much, but just enough, and puts it on the rice paper, squeezing it a little into shape as she does so. Then she takes up the two corners of both papers that are nearset her and lays them over towards the back, then brings them back, rolling up the tobacco with her thumbs as she does so. Getting it moderately firm, she changes to the tips of her fingers and rolls it snugly, lifting it the while from the under paper. A second and it lies along her left forefinger, rolled but with a loose edge. The starch stick glides along this, another twist and it is sealed and delivered, that is to say, dropped into the box edge of the bench.

The process looks exceedingly simple, but it often takes a week of patient teaching and trial to learn the many motions correctly, and even then it is astounding to think how many motions it takes to make even a thousand cigarettes in a day. The maker of a thousand perfect cigarettes containing neither four ounces more nor less than two pounds receives seventy-five cents for her work. Does it seem possible, then, that any one could make 8,000 of these in a day? Hardly, and yet they do.

After leaving the hands of the makers the cigarettes are passed over to the cutters, who sit between aisles and with big shears cut off the hanging shreds of tobacco from the ends. These shreds are constantly swept away by the little sweepers, whose duty it is to keep the floor always in perfect order. The finished cigarettes go next to the examiners, who run through the boxes, and, with the eyes of ferrets, pick out the badly made or imperfect ones. In some instances fifteen cents a hundred is taken out at the end of the week for cigarettes so badly made as to be necessarily split open and made again.

The boxing and stamping and the packing is work very easily imagined, the only particular interest being in the rapidity and automatic precision with which it is done. And, indeed, the whole fascination of the trade lies in the lightning like nimbleness which is necessary to bring about a satisfactory result. The work is clean and is said to be healthy, the girls themselves claiming that they have rarely any trouble except with headache, which is very possibly caused by the fumes of tobacco, but very probably is nothing for which further reason is necessary than what lack of exertse and such close application to work can give.

The rules of attending to the busines at hand vary considerably, according to the factory. In one leading factory absolute silence is imposed upon the workers, regardless of the fact that if they waste time it is their own loss, and the penalties imposed are exceedingly severe. If a seventy-five cent girl is caught whispering or talking with another girl she is put down to seventy or sixty-five cents a thousand. A second offense brings either a further reduction or a solemn warning or both. The third brings dismissal. A teacher or forewoman—"queens," as the girls call these lofty creatures—who unbends sufficiently to speak even to an own sister otherwise than with the voice of authority is at once put down to making cigarettes again.

Nor do the fines and authority end with leaving the building to go home. The firm employs a detective and any number of "stool pigeons" to watch their employes at night. A girl who is seen on Sixth avenue after 9 or 9:30 at night is discharged the next day. The life of an honest girl, who is being shadowed to and from her home, her house watched and every pleasuring she attempts carefully noted, can certainly not be overpleasant, especially as it seems to be a common belief among them that it depends entirely upon a girl's graciousness to her spy as to what is reported of her doings. This unusual discipline is of recent origin.—Fannie B. Merrill in New York World.

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A Milliner's Great Luck.

A well known Cincinnatian was over in Kansas City opening his eyes to the almost fabulous stories of accumulated wealth which are there on everybody's tongue. He tells of one lady who was formerly a milliner in Maysville, Ky., and migrated to Kansas City ten or fifteen years ago. She began in Kansas City the business she had followed in Kentucky, and was more or less successful until an old mud hole on one of the streets of the city fell to her in liquidation of a $2,500 debt. This the lady accepted with a great deal of reluctance and with the shedding of many tears, since she did not believe the property to be worth half the money it had cost her. She, however, finally rallied from the discouragement and refused a cash offer for the property, an offer which amounted to a little over half the $2,500.

About a year ago the New York Mutual Life Insurance company began casting about Kansas City for a site on which to locate a $2,000,000 building. The property owned by the milliner, once a mud hole, was on a corner seventy feet on one street and eighty feet on the other. They purchased lots on each side of this corner and then had a lot in the shape of a capital L. They wanted her lot and offered her $125,000 for it. She refused, and they kept raising the offer until they reached the enormous sum of $320,000. Still she refused, and then she supplemented the refusal with the statement: "Gentlemen, you go ahead and put up your building, and no matter how high you go I'll build on my lot one story higher than you do. I'm going to raise a monument to myself right on that corner." And, it is said, next summer she will keep her word. The $2,000,000 building is now about complete and is ten stories high. The little two story building which the milliner owns on the corner and which she will tear down to build greater nets her an annual income in rentals of $21,000.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Pauperism in Paris.

In order to be entitled to outdoor relief a Frenchman must have lived in Paris at least one year and be registered on the books of the bureau; for foreigners the minimum of residence is ten years. Moreover, to be inscribed on the register it is necessary to produce a certificate of birth and civil papers, to wait first for the audience day of the administrator who presents the petition, and then for the meeting of the committee which has to decide on its validity. These delays and formalities fall heavily on the workmen suddenly deprived of their work or struck down by accident and illness.

The inconvenience and fallacy of the system were made painfully evident at the time of the conflagration of the Opera Comique and the panic which followed and caused so many theatres to close. A number of machinists, supernumeraries, box openers, musicians and ballet girls were abruptly informed at 8 o'clock in the evening, when they came to fill their parts, that they would be without work for an uncertain time. Many families were in consequence utterly destitute, but not being at the time registered at the Bureau de Beinfaisance they remained literally without bread. The organization as it exists is undoubtedly wise and admirable in many respects, but it does not provide sufficiently for the casual, or, so to speak, accidental sufferer, while it cares with paternal solicitude for the chronic pauper, who knows too well how to take advantage of it.—Paris Cor. New York Sun.

Variations of Ships' Compasses.

"The variations of the needle," says Sir Thomas Browne, "may proceed from mutations of the earth, by subterranean fires, fumes, mineral spirits or otherwise, which, altering the constitution of the magnetical parts in process of time, doth vary the variation of the place." Had the nobly eloquent explorer of "vulgar errors" lived in these days, he would have added others to his list of the causes of the deflections of the needle; and not the least strange item in the catalogue would be the wearing of electric belts by rheumatic or debilitated sailors.

"One of our crew here," writes the master of a steamer at Smyrna, "has a magnetic belt. I got it from him one day last voyage, and taking it on the bridge I found that all three compasses were very much affected by it; in fact," adds the captain, "the highest compass of the three went reeling round and round."

The moral he desires to point is that as—so at least he says—these belts are much worn by seafaring men, and firemen in particular, masters should be careful to find out what magnets their crew or passengers may happen to have with them, "either in the shape of belts or in any form;" for, as he justly asserts, errors in the compass lead the seamen at times into terrible accidents.—London Telegraph.

Strong Patent Medicine Case.

A certain patent medicine company had very successfully advertised its wares and had in its possession from sick persons in various parts of the country over 60,000 letters in which the writers stated the nature of their respective ailments. A manufacturer of "specialties" in another city, desirous of sending advertisements of his own goods to this same army of invalids, contracted with one Rice for these letters and agreed to pay him $1,200 therefor. Rice negotiated with the company for the letters and was successful in getting them, but when the specialist was asked to pay the $1,200 he refused. When Rice brought suit he was very much surprised to find the court against him. Said his honor: "It is against good morals to allow this suit to proceed. It does not appear that the writers have ever consented to the publication of their letters. While they parted with possession of them voluntarily they still retain a property in them which the law respects, and another may not publish or otherwise use them unless with the writers' consent."—Chicago News.

A Sultan's Jubilee Gift.

The jubilee gift of the sultan of Johore to the queen of England is a wonderful piece of costly uselessness. It is a massive gold reproduction of the Albert memorial in Hyde park. All the marble in the memorial is represented by gold save the steps, which are of solid silver. The gold under the dome and around the pediment is beautified by the most minute mosaic work, representing almost stone for stone the mosaics on the actual monument. This extraordinarily rich ornament cost its donor no less than £15,000.—Home Journal.

A New Anæsthetic.

From careful study of the action of seno-carpine, as the alkaloid produced from the leaves of the "year blanket" tree is called, this new anæsthetic and analgesic discovered by a Louisiana veterinary surgeon is in many cases preferred in medical practice to cocoaine.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A General Meeting of The British Columbia Fire Insurance Co., will be held at their office, Wharf Street, in the City of Victoria, on **Tuesday the Tenth day of January, 1888,** at the hour of three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report.

By Order,

dec10-1m E. WILDE, Manager.

JOHN BOYD,

Has just landed, ex "Coldstream," the Finest Scotch Whiskies ever imported from Scotland. Connoisseurs whose health requires the most perfect qualities of Whisky will do well to give them a trial. In stock, Dantzic Spruce Beer and Teas of a very superior quality.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC

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VIA THE

Cascade Division, now completed, making it the Shortest, Best and Quickest.

The Dining Car line. The Direct Route. No Delays. Fastest Trains. Lowest Rates to Chicago and all points East. Tickets sold to all Prominent Points throughout the East and Southeast.

Through Pullman Drawing Room Sleeping Cars

Reservations can be secured in advance.

To East Bound Passengers:

Be careful and do not make a mistake, but be sure to take the

Northern Pacific Railroad

And see that your ticket reads via THIS LINE, St. Paul or Minneapolis to avoid changes and serious delays occasioned by other routes.

Through Emigrant Sleeping Cars run on regular express trains full length of the line. Berths free. Lowest rates. Quickest time.

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A. D. CHARLTON,
General Western Passenger Agent

ROBT. IRVING,
Agent, Gov't St., Victoria. jul21

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NO CHANGE OF CARS.

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The Steamers of the

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Leave H. B. Wharf every day, except Sunday, at 2 a. m., making close connection with all through Trains.

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D. E. BROWN,
District Fr't. and Pass. Agent, Vancouver.

W. D. HUGHES,
Acting Agent.

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Esquimalt and Nanaimo R'y

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.

TIME TABLE No. 5,

To take effect at 9.04 a.m., on Thursday Dec. 1st, 1887. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH. READ DOWN. No. 2 Passenger Daily.	GOING NORTH. READ DOWN. No. 4 Passenger Wed., Sat. and Sun.	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH. READ UP. No. 1 Passenger Daily.	GOING SOUTH. READ UP. No. 3 Passenger Wed., Sat. and Sun.
De 9.04 A.M		RUSSELL'S, Vic. W	Ar 1.40 P.M	
" 9.14		ESQUIMALT	" 1.30	
" 9.41		GOLDSTREAM	" 1.03	
" 10.36		SHAWNIGAN L'E	" 12.08 P.M	
" 10.48		COBBLE HILL	" 11.56	
" 11.05		McPHERSON'S	" 11.39	
" 11.17		KOKSILAH	" 11.27	
" 11.22		DUNCAN'S	" 11.22	
" 11.32		SOMENOS	" 11.12	
" 11.58		CHEMAINUS	" 10.46	
Ar 1.00 P.M De 1.09	De 10.00 P.M	NANAIMO	De 9.44 Ar 9.35	Ar 5.15
Ar 1.24	Ar 10.15	WELLINGTON	De 9.20 A.M	De 5.00 P.M

CHEAP RATES.

Until further notice Return Tickets for one and a half ordinary fare will be issued to any point on the line, good for three days, including the day of issue.

R. DUNSMUIR, President.
JOSEPH HUNTER, Gen'l Superintenden
H. K. PRIOR,
my29 Gen. Freight and Passenger Agt.

Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company

LAND DEPARTMENT.

Notice to Claimants under the "Act Relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock and Railway Lands of the Province":

The Company is now prepared to issue Conveyances of Title to all claimants entitled to the same under the provisions of the above Act, and who have fulfilled the Requirements of the British Columbia "Land Act, 1884."

R. DUNSMUIR,
President.

JOHN TRUTCH,
Land Commissioner.

Victoria, B.C., July 25th, 1887.
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Esquimalt & Nanaimo R.R. Express

ON AND AFTER MARCH 1st, 1887, ALL Packages or Parcels for transportation over this Railway not exceeding 50 lbs. in weight nor measuring more than three cubic feet, will be received and receipted for at the Company's Office in Redfern's Block, on Government Street.

Money and valuable packages forwarded. Collections made, and a general Express business transacted. no

British Columbia Milling and Mining Company (LIMITED).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following described Shares in the Capital Stock of the above-named Company have been sold by public auction, according to law, to cover Assessment No. 16 and interest and expenses, and that the certificates therefor have been and now stand cancelled, namely: John Irving, Certificate No. 949, for 1,000 shares; George A. Keefer, No. 1944, 100 shares.

The public are cautioned not in any wise to negotiate any of the above certificates or shares. GEO. A. SARGISON,
Secretary.

Victoria, B. C., 17th December, 1887.
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HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

THE ESMOND HOTEL

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FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY APPOINTMENT. Centrally located; coaches to and from every steamer; the comfort of guests closely cared for; prices to suit; a fine restaurant in the building.

my13-tf THOS. GUINEAN, Prop.

CHANGE of BUSINESS

Commercial Hotel.

MESSRS. DAWLEY & VAN ALLMAN, OF the Commercial Hotel, Douglas street, respectfully announce to their patrons and visiting friends generally, that they have disposed of the Bar and Hotel Business to Messrs. McBride & Leach.

Thanking our patrons for favors conferred, and soliciting a continuance of the same for our successors, we remain as ever, respectfully,

DAWLEY & VAN ALLMAN.

McBRIDE & LEACH,

(Successors to Dawley & Van Allman)

COMMERCIAL HOTEL,

Wines, Liquors, and Cigars of the best quality on hand.

BEST FAMILY HOTEL IN TOWN. de10 3w

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GO AND LEARN HOW TO avoid disease, and how wonderfully you are made. Private office, 211 Geary street, San Francisco. Consultation of Lost Manhood and all diseases of men. Send for order mh6dwtf

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FREEMAN'S WORM POWDERS.

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Consulting Engineers, Draughtsmen and Patent Attorneys. Dealers in New and Second Hand Machinery of all kinds.

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Repairs executed. Machinery superintended or erected. Ores Assayed. Agents for the Celebrated

"HOOKER" STEAM PUMPS

Johnston's Brickmaking Machinery, Cochrane & Co. Marine Engines, Etc., Etc., Etc.

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BOWLING ALLEY

And Shooting Gallery above the Clarence Hotel, Yates street, is now open for the Season.

dec10-1m JAMES BAKER.

HENRY SMILOW,

GENERAL SCAVENGER

Yards, and Cesspools Cleaned, Wells Dug and Cleaned Contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with Mr. G. Doughty, corner Blanchard & Forts streets, or Bossi & Giesselman Yates street, will be promptly attended to.

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PETER HANSEN,

General Scavenger.

ORDERS MAY BE LEFT AT PORT ER Market, Douglas St., cor. of Johnson.

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Victoria Nursery and Seed Establishment

P. T. JOHNSTON & Co.,

SUCCESSORS TO MITCHELL AND JOHNSTON.

Have on hand and for sale a large and varied collection of Fruit Trees, Ornamental Trees and Shrubs, Evergreens, Herbaceous Plants, Bulbs, etc., at prices far lower than they can be imported from Canada or the East. Also Grass and Clover Seeds; Tares and all other Seeds at lowest market rates. Seeds of Native Forest Trees a Specialty. Encourage home production and do not send your money out of the country to enrich foreign nurserymen. For further particulars see our Priced Catalogues which will be forwarded post free on application.

SEED STORE, Occidental Buildings, Fort Street.
NURSERY, Cadboro Bay Road
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Electric Light System.

Armington & Sons Engines.
Wainwright Feed Water Heaters.
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E. B. MARVIN

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YARMOUTH (N. S.) SAIL DUCKS, all numbers, OUNCE DUCKS from 7 to 12. SAIL & WRAPPING TWINES.

—ALSO—

AMERICAN SAIL DUCKS.

All numbers. OUNCE DUCKS 8 to 15. WIDE DUCKS from 36 to 72 Inches.

AT LOWEST PRICES,

E. B. MARVIN,

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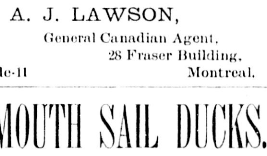

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for single-officer's quarters, New Westminster Penitentiary," will be received at this office until Monday, 6th Febuary, next for the erection of single officer's quarters, New Westminster Penitentiary.

Plans, specifications and forms of tender can be seen at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and at the office of Mr F. C. Gamble, C.E. Postoffice, Victoria, B.C., after Wednesday, 28th instant, and tenders will not be considered unless made on forms supplied and signed with actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted bank cheque payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to *five per cent of amount of tender*, must accompany each tender. This check will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

A. GOBEIL,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 19th December, 1887. jan4

SHIPS AND STEAMERS.

PACIFIC COAST S.S. CO.

DISPATCH A STEAMER

EVERY SATURDAY FOR SAN FRANCISCO,

Leaving the outer wharf at ONE o'clock, p. m.

Umatilla, Saturday 30th.

Shippers must notify us when room for freight is required.

No Freight received after 3 p. m.

WELCH, RITHET & CO.,
Wharf Street, Victoria, Agents.
13th December, 1886. de14

Puget Sound Steamers of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co.

In effect October 24th, and until further notice.

STEAMER

Olympian

Between Victoria and Seattle

AS FOLLOWS:

FROM VICTORIA, Ex. Sun.	TO VICTORIA, Ex. Sun.
Lv Victoria - 10.00 a.m	Lv Seattle - - 2.00a.m
ArPt. Towns'd 12.30 p.m	Ar Pt. Towns'd 5.00 a.m
LvPt. Towns'd 1.00 p.m	Lv Pt. Towns'd 6.00 a.m
Ar Seattle* - 4.00 p.m	Ar Victoria - 8.30 a.m

*Connecting for Tacoma and Portland.

Boats from the East leave Victoria at 10 a. m.

TICKETS to and from principal points in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Elegant Pullman Palace Cars.

Emigrant Sleeping Cars Run Through on Express Trains to

Omaha, Council Bluffs and St. Paul,

Free of Charge and Without Change.

Close connection at Portland for San Francisco and Puget Sound points.

A. L. MAXWELL, G. P. & T. A.
W. H. HOLCOMB, General Manager.
Portland, Oregon.

For further particulars regarding rates, &c., apply to

ROBERT IRVING, Agent.

nov10 Government Street, Victoria.

C. P. N. Co. (Ld.)

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, DIRECT.

STEAMSHIP

SARDONYX

CAPT. MEYER.

Will leave Victoria,

THURSDAY, Dec. 29th.

Returning will leave Portland,

FRIDAY, January 6th.

For Freight or Passage apply to
dec25 JOHN IRVING, Manager.

Canadian Pacific

NAVIGATION

COMPANY, (LIMITED)

Time Table No. 9, Takes Effect Nov'r 1st, 1887

BURRARD INLET ROUTE

VICTORIA TO—

VANCOUVER AND MOODYVILLE,
Daily, except Monday at 2 o'clock.

VANCOUVER TO VICTORIA,
Daily, except Monday, at 13:30 o'clock, or on arrival of C. P. R. train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

LEAVE VICTORIA—

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER, LADNER'S LANDING AND LULU ISLAND,
Tuesday at 9 o'clock; Thursday and Sunday at 7 o clock.

PLUMPER PASS,
Sunday at 7 o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER FOR VICTORIA,
Monday at 13 o'clock; Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.

FOR PLUMPER PASS,
Monday, at 13 o'clock.

FRASER RIVER ROUTE.

Steamers leave for NEW WESTMINSTER and CHILLIWHACK every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 7 a.m.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.

Steamer "MAUDE" leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound Ports, December 29th.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.

G. A. CARLETON, Gen. Agent.
JOHN IRVING, Manager.
March 17th. jy25

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

THE LONDON GUARANTEE & ACCIDENT Co.,

H. E. Croasdaile, Gen'l Agent,

Government St., next door to Bank of B. C.
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THE CITY OF LONDON

FIRE INSURANCE CO.

OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

CAPITAL, - - - - $10,000,000
Dominion Government Deposit, - 100,000

All Descriptions of Insurable Property written at Current Rates.

Policies Written and Losses adjusted and paid without reference to home office.

H. E. CROASDAILE, Agent, Victoria and District.
R. G. TATLOW, Agent, Vancouver.
H. V. EDMONDS, Agent, New Westminster.

Agents wanted in unrepresented districts Apply to

G. W. GIRDLESTONE,
my24-6m General Agent for British Columbia.

Garesche, Green & Co.

BANKERS,

Government St., Victoria, B. C

DEPOSITS RECEIVED IN GOLD AND U. S. Currency. Interest paid on the same on time deposits.

GOLD DUST AND U. S. CURRENCY

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Sight Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers on San Francisco, New York and Canada.

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FOR INSURING HOUSES AND OTHER Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbor or Dock, and the Cargoes of such ships; also, Ships building or repairing, Barges or other Vessels, on navigable rivers and canals, and Goods on board such vessels throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, from loss or damage by fire.

Subscribed and Invested Capital—One Million Six Hundred Thousand Pounds.

RISKS ACCEPTED AT CURRENT RATES OF PREMIUM.

WELCH, RITHET & CO.

Agents for British Columbia and Washington Territory. my10

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHEAP COAL!

Best Wellington Coal,

In quantities to suit, delivered to any part of the city, at

A Reduction of 5 per cent. for Cash.

Five Ton Lots at $7.50 per ton.

HALL, GOEPEL & CO.,
GOVERNMENT ST.
Northern Pacific Express Office. de16 1m

NOTICE.

Bark Arabella.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any debts contracted on account of the above vessel without his written consent. EDWARD HOWARD, Master.

Chemainus, Dec. 29th, 1887. de30

Just Arrived.

A CONSIGNMENT OF FINE AMERICAN

Buggies and Phaetons

By the Celebrated Makers Engor & Co., of Cincinnati.

For Sale at Reasonable Prices.

G. BYRNES,
Aug2-tf Fort and Langley Streets.

RE-OPENED.

REDGRAVE & ELLA,

The B. C. Candy Factory, have Re-opened

—AT—

THE OLD STAND,

Fort Street, Near Government.

Where will be found the most

COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF XMAS GOODS

IN TOWN.

REMEMBER THE ADDRESS.

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J. SEHL,

Manufacturer of

FURNITURE

Of Every Description

AT BEDROCK PRICES.

Also, Importer of

Carpets, Oilcloths, Linoleum, Crockery, Lamps,

GLASSWARE, CUTLERY, PLATEDWARE, FAIRY LAMPS, &c.

Sole Agent for B. C. for the Patent Reversible Steel Wire Door Mats, the cleanest and most durable Mat ever made.

The Trade Supplied on Liberal Terms.

Also just received a fine selection of

Bisque and Parian Marble Statuary

And an endless variety of Vases and House Decorations.

J. SEHL,

FACTORY: On Laurel Point. oc25
SALESROOM: 311 Government St.

PIONEER STEAM

Coffee and Spice Mills

DECOSMOS BLOCK. Established 1875.

MANUFACTURE COFFEES, SPICES Mustards, and the Pioneer Baking Powder STEMLER & EARLE, Props.

Orders from any part of the Dominion promptly filled.

BLACKSMITHING,

Carriage Building & Painting

DEMPSTER & BEEK,

Have made arrangements for conducting the business on their own account, at the shop formerly belonging to the Victoria Transfer Co.,

Cor. GORDON AND BROUGHTON STS.

CUSTOM SOLICITED.

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NOTICE.

LESSONS IN ART NEEDLEWORK IN its higher branches can be obtained of Mrs. Mills, (Agent for The Irish Royal Art Needle Work Society), Queen Anne Buildings, Fort St.

DESIGNS AND TRACINGS DONE.

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MUNICIPAL.

All accounts against the Corporation must be handed in on or before Friday, the 30th inst., or they will be disallowed.

By order.

JAS. D. ROBINSON,
City Clerk.

City Hall, 27th December, 1887.
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TO CIGAR SMOKERS.

WHY DO YOU PAY

12½ cents for cheap (often nasty) Eastern made Cigar, when you can get the BEST home manufactured article for the same money?

We wish to bring

A FEW FACTS

To your notice.

The duty on IMPORTED Cigars is nearly 100 per cent—$2 per pound; 25 per cent ad val. per 1000, whilst OUR Tobacco from Havana comes in *duty free*.

Imported Havana Cigars, per 1000, cost	$40 00
25% ad valorem	10 00
Two dollars per lb., 14 lbs. per 1000	28 00
Freight, insurance, etc.	2 00
Importer's commission say	5 00
	$85 00

Which makes the first cost to Retailers 8½ cents each.

Cheap (and nasty) Eastern per 1000 (wholesale price) $30 00
For these Common Cigars Smokers pay 12½c
Sometimes 15c. each.

We ask you if it is not to your advantage to purchase Kurtz's Cigars, made from Pure Havana (which enters *duty free*), and thus secure a first-class article, at the same time encouraging home industry and keeping men and money in the Province.

KURTZ & CO.,

Pioneer White Labor Cigar Manufacturers.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17, 1887.

N. B.—Ask for Kurtz's Cigars and see that their trade mark is on each box. dec18

CIVIC HOLIDAYS.

Notice is hereby given, that on Monday the 26th inst., and Monday, January the 2nd, 1888, the offices of the Corporation will be closed for public business.

JAMES FELL,
dec24 Mayor.

DRY GOODS.

THE

White House

HAS JUST RECEIVED

Ladies' Plush Seal Jackets,

LADIES' AND MISSES'

Ulsters AND Wraps.

Ladies Umbrellas, very choice.
Watered Plush, (new).
Black Lace Flouncings.
Black & White Beaded Fronts, and Sets.
Beaded Net and Lace.
Beaver Trimmings.

DRESS GOODS

Misses' Costumes.
Rational Corsets.
Turkey Rug Yarns.
Scotch Fingerings.
Saxony and Beehive Wools.
Shetland and Berlin Wools, in two, four and eight ply.

Knit Wool Goods in Variety.

EVERY DEPARTMENT

Is now replete with

New and Seasonable GOODS,

Which will be sold, as usual, at the

Lowest Cash Rates.

THE

WHITE HOUSE

Victoria, B. C., October 22nd, 1887. oc23

MISCELLANEOUS.

ROYAL WINES.

H. A. WOLFF,

Growe. and Wine Merchant, Frankfort on Maine.

Purveyor to—
H. M. The King of Italy.
H. R. H. The Duke of Aosta.
H. M. The King of Portugal.
H. M. The King of Greece.
H. R. H. The Count of Flanders.

WOLFF'S

Champagne!

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PIANOS & ORGANS.

The best selected stock of Pianos and Organs in B.C. Pianos from $250 upwards. Old Pianos taken in exchange.

H. PETERS,

TELEGRAPH BLOCK, GOVERNMENT ST

VICTORIA, B. C.

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NOTICE.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that from September 27th, 1887, all bills contracted by Barnett Aaronson, lately in my employ, I will not be responsible for, the said Barnett Aaronson having no authority to use my name. I also notify the public that the said Barnett Aaronson has no connection in any shape, form or manner in the business located on Johnson street, and known as Uncle A. A. Aaronson's Pawn Office. dec4-1m

CHAMPAGNE.

DEUTZ & GELDERMAN,

Green Seal and Cachet Blanc.

This Celebrated and Favorite Champagne in Perfect Order.

SPARKLING MOSELLE,

Ch. Kupperberg and H. Seligmann.

IN PINTS AND QUARTS.

A Delicious, Wholesome Wine

TURNER, BEETON & Co.,

Sole Agents.

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The Colonist.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1888.

PASSENGERS.

Per Str RAINBOW from New Westminster—Steitz, Jas Hossack, LeCroix, Mrs LeCroix, Mathers and others.

Per str. YOSEMITE from New Westminster—T D Lindsay, Col McGregor, J C Vermelyea, W London, C Johnson, Hancock and others.

Per str PRINCESS LOUISE from Vancouver—Miss E Jenkins, J Morrison, W B Shadwell, Robt Hall, S Hartley, W Porter, N McLeod, Jos Ramsey, J McWhinney, Miss Laura Lee, J Wulfsohn, L Mango, D J Bulgannon.

Per Str. Olympian from Puget Sound—J A Tingley and 2 children, P Mawman, Wm Hirst and wife, A F McGinnon, Mrs LePrince, E Kamera, E L Davis, W R Walter, M Troy, F F Dredge, D H Jones, P Alexander, P White, J Mitchell, E Kelly, B Gunnison, E D Howe, P Wagner, A Bather, G Sparling, Mrs Hullffe, C J Muller, 6 Indians, 1 Chinaman.

CONSIGNEES.

Per Str PRINCESS LOUISE, from Vancouver—Eominion Express Co, Albion Iron Works, Victoria Loan Office.

Per Str YOSEMITE from New Westminster—John Weller, Baker & Son, W Gordon, Albion Iron Works, J R Tait, W Loudon, Nichols & Renouf, T D Lindsay, Geo Stelly, N Portman.

DEATH.

GRAY—Accidentally killed on Dec. 4th., while hunting near Dublin, Ireland, Surgeon-Major J. Gray (army medical staff), eldest son of the late Major Nicholas Gray, of Jamestown House, Co. Wexford, Ireland. (Australian papers please copy).

To Business Men.

The new year is now upon us, and as this is the time for opening new sets of books we beg to call your attention to the fact that you will find at our store the finest assortment of Ledgers, Journals, Day Books and all kinds of Blank Books to be found in the city. Give us a call.
M. W. WAITT & Co. *

BARGAINS IN HOLIDAY GOODS.

For the next two weeks holiday goods will be sold at a reduction of 25 per cent. on former prices to effect a clearance before stock taking.
J. SEHL.*

Notice the new ad. of the Victoria Business College to-day. †

New Winter Cloakings,

Trimmings and Buttons at the City House. *

Pianos.

25% Discount on Pianos this year at the new Music Store on Government Street.
† H. PETERS.

REMEMBER, T. N. Hibben & Co. are the sole agents for the Caligraph Typewriter. *

YOU can't do better than examine J. Sehl's stock for anything you require in the house furnishing line, or Xmas goods†

FOR the latest novelties in Fine Art Furniture and House Decorations go to J. Sehl, Government Street. *

Bon Bons.

Finest assortment of Crystallized Fruit and Bon Bons at Fell & Co.'s. †

THE most backward pupil made to feel perfectly at home at the *Victoria Business College*. *3t

Old Shoes

Made as good as new, and better too, by Irving Bros., Crosson's old stand, Yates Street.

BLANK BOOKS, Diaries and office requisites of all kinds at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s *

A Fatal Attack.

A fatal attack of croup is a frequent occurrence among children. Every household should be guarded by keeping Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam at hand. It breaks up colds, coughs, croup, asthma, and bronchitis in a remarkable manner.
tu-th-sat-dw.

My Wife

May want a Parlor Suite, Easy Chair, Pictures, or other piece of Furniture for Christmas. I'll buy from Anderson & Hastie, Fort Street. *

The highest cash prices paid for ladies and gent's new and cast-off clothing. Note—Address S. Cooness, second door from Broad street, on Johnson. *

Drug Store.

Mr. Blanchard, having purchased Mr. Atwood's interest in the firm of R. Atwood & Co., can be found at his store on Government street, next door to Neufelder & Ross', where he keeps a full line of Drugs, Chemicals, Toilet Articles, Patent Medicines, etc., etc. Physicians' prescriptions carefully and promptly compounded. M. G. BLANCHARD. *

Greatly Excited.

People are apt to get greatly excited in case of sudden accident and injury. It is well to be prepared for such emergencies. Hagyard's Yellow Oil is the handiest remedy known for burns, scalds, bruises, lameness, pain, and all wounds of the flesh. It is used internally and externally. tu-th-sat-dw.

Reduced Prices.

Just received, a large stock of fine gold and all kinds of mouldings. Over 250 patterns to select from. Steel engravings and all kinds of pictures. Mounting and framing a specialty. Call and examine before buying elsewhere. JOS. SOMMER, Government street, three doors below new Bank of British Columbia. †

STOP! if you want value for your money in Overcoats go to Gilmore's. *

The Chicago Candy Store.

Never in the history of Victoria has there been such a lovely and tempting assortment of Christmas Confectionery than that to be found at the Chicago Candy Store, a few doors below the Bank of British Columbia, on Government street. We have imported from New York, Chicago and San Francisco, Christmas Tree Ornaments, Fancy Candies of innumerable designs, the finest kind of Crystalized Fruits and a wonderful variety of Christmas Novelties. Our stock of hand-made Creams are the best manufactured on the coast and the cheapest in the city, while other home-manufactured Candies are in great abundance, made from the purest goods. We have also a full stock of Nuts, Figs, Dates, Oranges, etc., and can supply Christmas goods at better prices than any other house in the trade. A. LAWRENCE,
* Below the Bank, Government St.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhœa, whether arising from the teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP,' and take no other. d&w

A Remarkable Case.

Frederick Wieze, of Minden, Ont., suffered with running sores on both legs which the best of physicians failed to cure. Two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him completely. Scrofula, always due to bad blood, is curable when timely treated with B. B. B. tu-th-sat-dw.

GOODS just received at Spencer's "Arcade"—Fur Muffs and Boas; Mantle and Dress cloths; Astrachan Jacket Trimmings, Pearls and Dress ornaments, Fur Top and Jersey Gloves, Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, and a large lot of House Jerseys and Children's Wool goods. *

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Board of Trade Meeting.

The regular quarterly meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade will be held to-morrow at the Board rooms at the usual hour. Matters of importance will be discussed.

Praiseworthy.

On New Year's day the young ladies of the W.C.T U. and the young gentlemen of the Y. M. C. A. visited the Royal Hospital and entertained the patients with a choice musical programme.

Nanaimo Customs.

The following are the official returns of the Nanaimo Custom House for the month of December, 1887:

Import Duty	$3,070 07
S. M. Dues	65 00
Miscellaneous	405 80
	$3,540 87

Masonic.

The installation of the officers of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, F. & A. M., will take place to-morrow evening. A number of visiting brethren from Washington Territory and the mainland have signified their intention of attending, and an interesting evening is anticipated.

Killed While Hunting.

Surgeon Major J. Gray, of the army medical staff, eldest son of the late Major Nicholas Gray, of Jamestown House, County Wexford, Ireland, and brother of Mrs. George Arthur Perrin, of this city, was accidentally killed on the 4th instant near Dublin while hunting with the Ward Union hounds. A horse struck him in the abdomen and internal hemorrhage setting in, he died two hours after. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin have the sympathy of their friends in their bereavement.

B. C. Planing Mills.

During the week ending December 30th the Royal City Planing Mills Co. shipped 20 car loads, containing 175,000 feet of lumber to the Northwest Territories and Manitoba This is probably the largest amount of lumber shipped to the east in so short a period of time and the managers say that the above is a mere nothing to what they expect to do during the coming spring. The mills are now running to their utmost capacity, day and night, to supply the local and eastern demand.

Rev. Mr. Green's Bereavement.

The friends of Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Green will be sorry to learn of the bereavement which has lately fallen upon their family. As has been announced their youngest son died on the 7th December last, and at that time their second son, Bertie, was very ill. Mr. Green had just recovered from an attack of illness, and our informant states that there had been sixty cases of scarlet fever at Naas Village and six in Rev. Mr. Green's town.

St. Joseph's S. & L. Society.

The St. Joseph's Social and Litterary Society held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing half year: President, D. F. Fee, Jr.; Vice-President, F. J. McDonald; Financial Secretary, J. Wellbank; Recording Secretary, S. A. Donavon; Treasurer, J. McDonald; Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Van Nevel. The reports of the retiring officers showed that the society was in a flourishing condition.

Barking Up the Wrong Tree.

A number of statements have been made of late by the local and eastern press that E. C. Baker, M. P., of Victoria, was going to resign and accept the office of customs collector or assistant receiver-general at Victoria. Mr. Baker has no intention of resigning his seat for any such purpose, nor does he hanker after a position in the civil service. The Grit press are altogether wrong in imputing any such motive to that gentleman, and we are positive that future events will carry out this statement.

The Commons' Election.

By proclamation, Returning Officer McMillan declares Tuesday, the 24th inst., as nomination day for the Commons, the nominations to take place at his office, Commercial alley, from noon until 2 o'clock p. m. In the event of a poll being demanded it will be opened on Saturday the 4th February from 9 o'clock a. m to 5 p. m. On Monday, the 6th February, at noon, the ballot boxes will be opened, the votes summed up for the several candidates, and the one having the majority of votes returned as elected.

A Test Case.

The new Sunday closing by-law came into force on the expiration of 1887, and was observed by all the saloons and hotels in the city with the exception of Mr. Curran's "Grotto Saloon," on Columbia street. It is understood that the Licensed Victuallers' Association held a meeting on Saturday and decided that one of their number should remain open on Sunday for the purpose of bringing about a suit to test the legality of the new by-law. Mr. Curran remained open, and for so doing has been summoned to appear before the police magistrate to-morrow morning to answer to the charge of violating the Sunday closing by-law. The case is exciting much public interest, and the results of the proceedings are eagerly awaited.—*Columbian.*

The Ocean Queen.

The children of the St. John's Sunday-school will give the "Ocean Queen," a holiday entertainment, in the school room, Herald street, this evening, in aid of their library. The following is the programme:

Piano Solo	Miss Hicks
Song in Motion.	Ten little girls
Recitation	A Big Bite
See Saw	Waltz Song
Piano Solo	Miss Fox
Song, "Thy Face"	Miss Hicks
The Death of Cock Robin	Seven girls and boys.

Interval of ten minutes.

OCEAN QUEEN.

Master of Ceremonies	Herald
Jack and Jill	Busy Bee
Jack Horner	Mary-Contrary
Boy Blue	Humpty Dumpty
Bo Peep	Mother Hubbard
Tom the Piper's Son	Red Riding Hood
Queen of Hearts	Chorus in full Parade to Rule Britannia.

God Save the Queen.

Doors open at 7:30 o'clock, and the performance begins at 8 o'clock. Those who attend will undoubtedly enjoy a pleasant evening.

Provincial Museum.

The following are the contributions to the provincial museum for the month ending 31st December, 1887:

Clinton—Master Eddy Bell, six Bohemian wax wings. Victoria—P. Steele, jr., one crab; Albert Wylde, flying fish; H. Anderson, eggs of black-tailed ptarmigan; Ed. J. Thain, saw of sawfish; Ashdown Green, skeleton of hoke; Chief Bloomfield, Indian hammer; James R. Anderson, collection of forty-eight Indian implements; H. Short, one quail, flecker mew gull, herring gull, glaucous-winged gull, one woodpecker; H. P. Halpenny, two beetles, Indian tool; Miss Nelly McCulloch, pigmy owl; James Hayes, shells and Indian ornaments from the west coast, crystals and stalagmite from Texada; Miss Munro, shells from the west coast; Andrew Lang, young sea otter; S. Whitaker, long-eared owl; A. H. Maynard, pigmy owl. Willie Lomar, Quamichan, one northern shrike. George F. Kyle, Juneau, ore from Treadwell mine. James Nicholson, Vic. district, one Acadian owl. W. B. Anderson, Fort Simpson, golden flicker kingbird. T. B. Meiggs, Burrard Inlet, one raccoon. T. Collenson, Plumper's Pass, one murrelett.

The O. & S. R. Co.

The Okanagan and Shuswap Railway Co. give notice of their intention to apply to the Dominion parliament at its coming session for power to construct a line from a point on the C. P. R. at Sicamous to Okanagan Lake.

Ferry to Port Angeles.

Notice is given in another column that application will be made at the coming session of the Dominion Parliament by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway company for power to run a ferry to connect the terminus of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway on the straits of Fuca with the railway system of the United States, terminating at Port Angeles, W.T.

Postmaster Shakespeare.

The *Empire:* Mr. Noah Shakespeare, M. P. for Victoria, B. C., who, it is reparted, has resigned his seat in the House to accept the postmastership of Victoria, is an active supporter of the government. Like other British Columbia members he did not often take up the time of Parliament by long speeches, but when occasion demanded could put his ideas into clear and vigorous English. He will, of course, be succeeded by another Conservative.

South Field Mines.

The water is all but pumped out of the South Field mine of the V. C. Co., and it is expected by the end of this week that work will be resumed in all portions of this mine. The damage done by the fire is extremely slight, the prompt action of Mr. Wm. McGregor, manager, having checked the fire in its infancy.

The work of pumping the water out of the new slope of the No. 1 Esplanade shaft of the Vancouver Coal Co., will commence this week, and work will be resumed in the No. 3 level.

The company will then be in a position to materially increase the output of their collieries.

Election Talk.

Vancouver *Herald*: Victoria is going to have two elections shortly and the *Times* is manufacturing material to defeat the candidates. The Province and the Dominion for that matter are both bankrupt financially, and have been in that condition time out of mind, if the party to which our contemporary belongs is to be taken as authority. Such wild accusations and assertions, however, are not generally taken for gospel in these days. They are only preached at about election times and their truth is not generally perceptible. Both Province and Dominion appear to keep moving forward in the usual way notwithstanding the predicted disasters which are said to be about to overtake them. If, instead of unreliable talk of this kind, a definite policy were adopted and advocated by the *Times*, some good might result from it. There is room for improvements in both and even in its advocacy it would be instructing in the political matters which might in time bear fruit. It is not by railing against a government that much good is to be accomplished, but rather by advocating the adoption of wiser and better methods for governing the country. Mere rant will not in these days accomplish much for any political party and the *Times* and its friends ought to have learned this lesson from the hard lines to which they have been subjected for a good many years.

MARINE.

The Idaho sailed from the outer wharf for Sitka yesterday afternoon.

The weather was so boisterous outside that the pilot did not tow up the ship Spartan yesterday to Nanaimo.

The collier Walla Walla will be converted into a passenger steamship at San Francisco, and run between that city and Victoria.

Steamship Antonio, Capt. Crawford, arrived at Departure Bay on Mndaay, and will take on a cargo of Wellington coal for San Francisco.

Ship New York, Capt. Hughes, with 3,150 tons of V. C. Co's coal sailed for San Francisco on Sunday morning. She was towed to sea by the steamer Alexander.

United States Man of War Thetis arrived at Departure Bay from Alaskan waters and took on a supply of Wellington coal. She expects to sail on Tuesday evening for San Francisco.

POLICE COURT.

(Before His Worship Mayor Fell, and Robert Ward, Esq., J. P.)

Ah Pang, for stealing a milk can from the residence of Mrs. Wagg, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one week's imprisonment.

J. H. McKay, on remand, was given one month with hard labor.

Ah Ang, charged with stealing a 25 cent chisel, acknowledged the offence and was given one month.

Fanny Eastman averred her innocence of getting drunk on beer alone. She was given six weeks' imprisonment with hard labor on the charge of being an idle and disorderly person.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Hon. Jos. Trutch has removed his office to the post office building.

Another libel suit is said to be in the wind in New Westminster.

The steamer Boscowitz will leave for northern parts to-morrow evening next at six o'clock.

Wilson Bros., founders and machinists have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors.

The dust was flying in great clouds on the streets yesterday, with a bright sky overhead. Street watering would have proved a great convenience.

In the article yesterday morning on Quinnat salmon the scientific name was considerably altered by the intelligent compositor. It should have read *oncorhynchus chonicha.*

PYKE-WINSTON.

The Pyke Opera Company Will Open in Victoria on the 9th.

As will be seen by advertisement the Pyke Opera Co. will open a week's engagement at The Victoria on Monday evening next, the initial opera being "A Night in Venice," a bright and pretty opera. The company are said to be stronger in their composition than ever before, and promise an exceptionally good entertainment.

Worth Knowing!

It has long been the study of chemists to produce an article that, while it would beautify the complexion, would also have the merit of being harmless, but these two important qualities were never brought together until combined in Wisdom's Robertine, the newest and best preparation science has yet produced for beautifying the complexion. $1000 is offered for every grain of poisonous substance found in it. D. E. Campbell, chemist Victoria, B. C., Agent. †

Crystallized Fruit.

Messrs. Fell & Co., Fort street, have the best assortment of Bon Bons, Crystallized Fruits &c., in the city. *

WE wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and a jolly good time, but don't loose your keyhole.
† A. GILMORE, Johnson Street.

Plum Puddings.

For choice Crystallized Fruits, &c., go to Fell & Co., Fort street, where will be found the most extensive stock in the city. †

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council was held last evening in the city hall. Present Mayor Fell and Couns. Grant, Styles, Harris, Braden, Higgins, Vigelius, Coughlan and Barnard.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From H. R. Selleck, asking permission to use the street for building purposes. Granted subject to the usual conditions.

From Major Peters, of "C" Battery, asking the use of "Jumbo" for running the electric light at the barracks on Monday evening next. Referred to the street committee with power to act.

From Frank Campbell, asking the reconsideration of their decision in regard to the damaged verandah in front of his tobacco store, and requesting permission to place the old timbers in their original position.

Coun. Grant thought permission to rebuild the old verandah would be within the meaning of the law.

Coun Coughlan thought that it was within the bounds of the law to rebuild the old verandah as formerly.

Moved by Coun. Barnard, seconded by Coun. Grant, that permission be granted Mr. Campbell to replace the verandah in its former position.

Coun. Higgins said he would have to vote against the resolution. A short time ago the police committee were empowered to proceed with a squad and pull down a new verandah that had been erected contrary to by-laws. He felt that the council would not be acting wisely in reconsidering their previous action in this matter.

Coun. Vigelius would support the re-erection of the verandah, if nothing but the old materials were used.

Coun. Coughlan did not think the present case was a similar one to that referred to by Coun. Higgins.

His worship thought a liberal interpretation should be exercised in this case. He thought Mr. Campbell should be accorded his request.

Coun. Styles thought if the council had power to allow the erection of an old verandah, then he hoped they would allow the building of a decent one in place of the old structure.

The motion carried.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to a total of $2,372.53 were read and referred to the finance committee for payment, if found correct.

STREETS.

The street committee recommended that Mr. Gregg be paid 20 cents per cubic yard for grading the sidewalk in front of his property on King's road; that an eight-foot sidewalk be laid on King's road, north side from Saanich road to Fourth street; that a ten-foot sidewalk be laid on the north side of Hillside avenue, from First street to Second street; that a six-foot sidewalk be laid on the north side of Meares street, from Cook street eastward; that with reference to the petition of Mr. Goepel for drainage on Simcoe street the committee reported that it was being attended to.

Report adopted.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The city hall committee recommended that the application of Mr. Tuckfield for use of the city hall for a public meeting to pass a resolution to petition the Dominion government to allow the enquiries of of the Royal Labor Commission to extend to this province be granted on the depositing of $10. The meeting will be held on Friday evening next.

The amount to be deposited was changed to $5.00, and use of hall granted.

POLICE CLOTHING.

The police committee handed in a letter from Chief Bloomfield, signed by all the men, complaining that the present clothes were insufficient for protection during the winter, and asking that overcoats be supplied them.

The matter was referred to the mayor with power to act.

Coun. Higgins said that the evening paper had stated that this communication would afford the chairman of the police committee an opportunity to explain about the uniforms. The only explanation he would vouchsafe was through the medium of a law court. He had been most grossly libeled, and if there was a repetition of the offence he would place the libelers in court within 48 hours. Mr. McLean had written a manly and convincing letter on the subject that completely exonerated him (Coun. Higgins) and the mayor knew that Mr. McLean had written the truth.

His worship said that too much had been said on the police clothing matter. He was as much to blame as Coun. Higgins, if either was to blame. If all transactions of the council were carried out as fairly and squarely as the letting of the police clothing contract it would be a benefit to the community generally. (Hear.)

Coun. Grant said there were many instances where wrong information was supplied the papers. A morning paper—the leading paper of British Columbia and he did not know how far down the coast—had given on three different occasions what purported to be his views on the water question, but had misrepresented him altogether.

Coun. Higgins replied that there was a great deal of difference between stating the position of a man on any public question, and in a paper printing a libelous assertion.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coun. Styles asked if Drake, Jackson & Helmcken had been informed of the position of the council in regard to Mr. Hargreave's bill.

On motion of Coun. Styles, the clerk was instructed to formally notify Drake, Jackson & Helmcken of the opinion of the council.

Coun. Barnard said his resolution of last meeting recommended the calling of tenders for the construction of a drain in James Bay. He would like to know if tenders had been received.

Coun. Styles said that the surveyor had not yet finished the plans and specifications. He was working on them.

The question having arisen, Coun. Grant said that it was his opinion that the present council had power to order expenditures while they held office, providing they did not interfere with the coming year's revenue.

FIRE WARDENS' REPORT.

The yearly report of the fire wardens' was read as follows:

VICTORIA, Jan. 3d, 1888.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:—

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the rules and regulations governing the Victoria Fire Department, we have the honor to submit the second annual report, showing the number and names of officers and men in the Fire Department, with their occupations and salaries; the number of fires during the past year; an inventory of property in the different houses, and a few recommendations which should receive the earnest attention of the incoming council.

The fire record during the past year has been very small. The officers and members have been most assiduous, and are deserving of great praise for their prompt and energetic work.

A large number of new buildings have been erected in various portions of the city very distant from the engine houses. It is not generally known that no means of reaching these sections of the city with fire hose has been provided excepting with hose carts drawn by the men belonging to the companies. The engine is drawn by horses and reaches a fire far in advance of the hose carts. The city council passed a resolution some time ago to purchase a horse and hose cart. Your fire wardens earnestly recommend that these necessary adjuncts be purchased as soon as possible.

A large number of buildings were recently erected in the central or business portion of this city, many of them reaching three, four and five stories in height. These buildings are out of the firemen's reach with the ladders at present in use. The incoming council should procure an extension truck.

The water supply is altogether inadequate, and, as a good supply of water is one of the main factors in suppressing fires, your Fire Wardens hope to find this city provided with a good water supply during the present year.

During the past summer a serious conflagration occurred in the Vancouver Coal mine at Nanaimo. At the request of the manager we sent 2,000 feet of fire hose to that city. Shortly afterwards the Vancouver Coal company ordered 2,000 feet of new carbolized hose from Toronto and replaced the hose furnished by this city with the new hose.

The fire alarm system is very defective, causing considerable delay and confusion. A proper alarm system is urgently needed.

During the past year the fire department received 1,500 feet of new hose. One thousand feet from Messrs. T. McIlroy and Son, Toronto, and five hundred feet from Messrs. Merryweather and Sons, London. The department is well equipped in this respect, as will be seen by referring to the inventory.

The police deserve great credit for assisting the fire department.

The number of fires and alarms during the year were twenty-nine, and the amount of damage $42,750.

The report also contains a list of the officers and members, showing the amount that each receive monthly as follows:—Chief engineer, $38.30; assistant chief, $25; foremen, $16.25; engine drivers, $60; horse drivers, $60; hosemen and Hook-and-Ladder men, $14. The pay sheet totals $561.08.

An inventory of property belonging to the brigade accompanied the report.

The report is signed by the fire wardens.

L. VIGELIUS,
J. COUGHLAN, } Fire Wardens.
D. W. HIGGINS,

Report received and filed.

CEMETERY REPORT.

The annual cemetery report is as follows:

VICTORIA, 4th Jan., 1888.

To His Worship the Mayor and Municipal Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I beg respectfully to report the following statistics of burials in Ross Bay Cemetery for the year ending 31st December, 1887, as follows:

	Males.	Fem's.	Total
Children still born	5	3	8
" under 12 months	16	16	32
" from 1 to 5 years	8	10	18
" " 5 to 10 years	2	1	3
From 10 years to 12 years	1	1	2
" 15 " 20 "	2	2	4
" 20 " 40 "	12	14	26
" 40 " 60 "	31	12	43
" 60 " 70 "	12	3	15
" 70 " 80 "	8	5	13
Indians	3	7	10
Chinese	40	1	41
Japanese	1	0	1
Totals	141	75	216

The nationalities are as follows:

	Males.	Fems.	Total
British Columbia	25	28	53
England	14	11	25
Scotland	10	3	13
Ireland	10	9	19
Wales	3	0	3
Canada	5	6	11
United States	15	5	20
Germany	4	0	4
Sweden	1	0	1
Norway	2	0	2
West Indies	0	1	1
Australia	1	0	1
Cape De Verde Islands	0	1	1
Unknown	2	0	2
Indians	3	7	10
Chinese	10	1	11
Japanese	1	0	1
Still born children	5	3	8
Total	141	75	216

On comparing the above with the previous year, it shows a decrease of 18 males and an increase of 16 females, making a total decrease of 2 burials for the year just closed.

I have the honor to be gentlemen, your obedient servant JAS. D. ROBINSON,
Sec. Ross Bay Cemetery.

Report received and filed.

SANITARY REPORT.

Dr. Milne submitted the following report on the sanitary condition of the city:

VICTORIA, Dec. 29th, 1887.

To His Worship the Mayor and the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith beg to submit my annual report on the sanitary condition of the city for the year, with the number of deaths and the causes of each, which have occurred during the past year.

In my last report I drew attention to the fact that the death rate had notably decreased. This year again the number of deaths are less than that of last year.

I give below the number of deaths for the year, as furnished by me monthly to the Dominion Statistical Office at Ottawa.

Month.	No. of Deaths.
December, 1886	16
January, 1887	28
February, "	18
March, "	18
April, "	17
May, "	17
June, "	16
July, "	13
August, "	15
September, "	16
October, "	20
November, "	16
Total	210

Making a total of 210 deaths during the past twelve months just ended, with a death rate of 17½ per each 1,000 of the population.

Death was caused from the following diseases:

Disease of the nervous system	20
Disease of the lungs	58
Disease of the heart	36
Disease of the kidneys	12
Disease of the digestive organs	20
Disease of the liver	16
Disease of the blood	5
Premature development	11
Killed by accident	11
Cancer	2
Fevers	2
Zymotic diseases	6
Alcoholism	2
Total	210

The general health of the citizens has been good during the year although during the last two months measles has been prevalent, which has increased the death rate somewhat, the deaths from this disease occurring chiefly among the Indians.

I have also to note that the number of cases of insanity reported are much less than last year.

In conclusion, I would suggest that the city authorities should obtain power to authorize the Health Officer and Sanitary Officer to make periodic inspection of all dairies, and that the dairymen and vendors of milk should be registered, giving their place of residence, number of cows kept, etc., and also that they should report to the proper authorities all cases of contagious animal diseases occurring amongst their cattle.

I would also suggest that a system of trapping the inlet to street drains be adopted, with proper ventilation of drains running into and along the streets. These drains should not be ventilated on the streets, but at the adjacent buildings, and also the outlets of the vents should be up to the roof clear of the cornices, chimneys and windows.

I have the honor to remain,
Your obedient Servant,
G. L. MILNE, M. D. C. M.
Health Officer.

Report received and filed.

POLICE MAGISTRATE.

His Worship referred to the fact that there was at the present time no city police magistrate. He thought some action should be taken.

Coun. Braden thought the matter should be dealt with by the new council.

Coun. Grant was of the opinion that a police magistrate should be appointed *pro tem*, and suggested Mr. J. P. Planta.

The matter here dropped.

THE COUNCIL'S POWER.

Coun. Higgins asked His Worship's ruling in regard to the letting of tenders for the drain in James Bay at the next meeting. He thought the act of last session provided that the council could transact business while they were in office.

His Honor—Well, the less said about that act the better. I think if it came before the chief justice, you would find that out.

Coun. Barnard—Well, he is not infallible.

His Worship—Neither are some lawyers. He did not think that such works should be brought on at the last minute.

Coun. Higgins said it had been in the way for six weeks, and the drain was a convenience greatly needed.

After some further talk in the matter, it was deferred till next meeting.

Coun. Styles asked in what position the men stood who received the contracts for laying the pipes on Cook street.

His worship said the tenders would have to be dealt with by the incoming council.

Referring to Coun. Harris' resolution of application to the coming session of the legislature in reference to prohibiting Chinese from holding a pawnbroker's license, his worship said that he did not think it was in the power of the legislature to amend the charter as required.

Coun. Harris said that he understood that there were Chinamen who would give $500 to secure a pawnbroker's license.

His worship said they could get one by paying $50 at the city hall.

Coun. Coughlan asked if Coun. Harris had said that there were others who would pay $500 for a license.

Coun. Harris answered in the negative.

Council then adjourned.

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WHARF STREET,

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